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TRAGIC AFFAIR ON THE "ROYAL ARROW."

FATAL BLOW DURING ALLEGED DRUNKEN BRAWL.

ADULTERATED DRINK?

A hint that adulterated drinks might possibly be at the bottom of the tragic affair was dropped at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when Lewis Pedersen, described as a native of Denmark, was charged with the wilful murder of John Zetterberg on Friday last.

The tragedy occurred on board the American oil-tanker "Royal Arrow" which arrived in Hongkong the same day. The crew, it was stated, appeared to have been drinking heavily, and the evidence seemed to show that the accused and the dead man had been good friends.

The case was heard before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, and the prosecution was conducted by Detective Inspector Lane. Mr. O. E. C. Marton, of Messrs. Deacons, appeared for the defence and Mr. C. E. L. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared to watch the interests of the Standard Oil Company.

Plea of Not Guilty.

Mr. Marton, on behalf of the defendant, entered a plea of "Not Guilty."

Inspector Lane mentioned that Mr. Whyte Smith who was to have prosecuted, was engaged at the Supreme Court. He had been instructed by Mr. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, to proceed with the prosecution.

Relating the circumstances of the grave charge, Inspector Lane said that the Royal Arrow, an oil tanker, arrived in Hongkong at about noon on January 18 from New York. On arrival, the vessel went alongside the Standard Oil Company's pier at Lai-chick where she lay until Saturday afternoon.

It would appear, said Inspector Lane, that a quantity of drink was purchased in Hongkong and that certain members of the crew indulged in it a good deal.

Scene of Tragedy.

Amidships and on the port side, there was a four berth cabin, which was occupied by three officers belonging to the ship. This cabin, said the Inspector, was the scene of the tragedy.

On the afternoon of the ship's arrival, two of the three officers went ashore and at the time of the incident only the third man was on board.

This man, said Inspector Lane, was the principal witness in the case. His name was J. Benson and he would give evidence that he finished work at about 2.30 p.m. and had two visitors to the cabin, one was the deceased, John Zetterberg, and the other, the accused Lewis Pedersen, both seamen on board the ship.

Good Friends.

Inspector Lane here stated that when the police went on board, a number of empty bottles were found.

It would appear that the deceased and the accused began to quarrel, though there was nothing to indicate that any previous quarrel had existed between the two men. As far as was known, the two were, in fact, good friends. The men, it seemed, drank too much and lost their heads.

The evidence would show, said Inspector Lane, that the subject discussed between prisoner and the deceased was "Boxing." The prisoner claimed to be pretty good. During the discussion the prisoner and the deceased had hot words more than once, but the flare-ups were quickly down. Eventually, however, another dispute started, words were exchanged, and the accused punched the deceased.

In some way, said Inspector Lane, accused got the deceased in such a position that the latter bent forward with his head facing accused. The latter is then supposed to have picked up a beer

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ANOTHER FRENCH SENSATION.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT LOSES FR. 80,000,000.

REPARATIONS FRAUD?

Paris, Jan. 23.

A fresh financial sensation, in which the State has lost about Fr. 80,000,000, has just been revealed here.

The affair has been disclosed by the fact that the Ministry of Finance has filed charges against the Societe Ferriere de Sucerie and the Compagnie Franco-Marocaine de Navigation et Commerce.

Both these concerns received vast quantities of sugar from Germany in respect of reparations in kind, but they were found insolvent when the time came for them to make payment to the French Government.

M. Poller, who is Chairman of the Sugar Company, and was formerly Professor of Law at Lille University, has been arrested on a charge of fraud.

The arrested man has been remanded in police custody.

A LIFE SENTENCE INADEQUATE.

NANKING ORDERS RE-TRIAL OF SERIOUS CASE.

SHANGHAI SURPRISE.

Shanghai, Jan. 22.

For the first time in the history of the Shanghai Provisional Court, the judicial authorities in Nanking have sent back a case on the ground that the penalty inflicted is inadequate.

The case involved is one in which four Chinese charged with armed kidnapping, were found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The Nanking authorities, presumably the Judicial Yuan, have sent back the case to the Provisional Court ordering a re-trial and contending that the life-sentences imposed are inadequate.

At the original trial, Mr. R. T. Bryan, who prosecuted on behalf of the Municipal Police, urged that the death penalty should be imposed, but his plea was overruled.

The attitude apparently being taken up by Nanking now is regarded as an indication of rigorous enforcement of the bandit law.

Our Own Correspondent.

FRENCH GOODWILL FLIGHT.

FROM HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Lieutenant Almarich, of the French flagship Jules Michelet, piloting a seaplane launched from the warship, left at 9 o'clock on Monday morning on a goodwill flight to Macao and back, carrying a message of greeting from Rear Admiral Stoltz to the Governor of the Portuguese Colony. He returned yesterday, to Hongkong, arriving here shortly after one o'clock in the afternoon.

Lieutenant Almarich was with another officer on the flight, and both were lavishly entertained while they were in the Portuguese Colony.

SWATOW BOYCOTT CHANGE.

OLD COMMITTEE TRANSFERS ITS FUNCTIONS.

Swatow, Jan. 21.

The anti-Japanese Boycott Committee has been wound up, and its functions have been transferred to the People's Instruction Committee of the Municipal Kuomintang.

An inquiry was recently made into the origin of matches imported from Macao, and these, being found to be made of Japanese materials, are banned.

Our Own Correspondent.

REASSEMBLING OF PARLIAMENT.

CHINA QUESTIONS TO THE FORE.

DELICATE POSITION IF JAPAN HAD HELD OUT.

TROOPS IN SHANGHAI.

London, Jan. 22.

Parliament re-assembled for its closing session to-day, and at question-time, the China situation occupied the attention of the House of Commons for a considerable time.

A list of twelve countries, in addition to Great Britain, who have recently concluded tariff treaties with the National Government of China were enumerated by Sir Austen Chamberlain, while Sir Loring Worthington-Evans, the Minister for War, was invited by Labour Members to give the date of withdrawal of British troops in Shanghai.

Japan Alone Alike.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, answering questions regarding the recent negotiations at Nanking, said that a treaty granting tariff autonomy to China was signed by Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, and Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, on December 20th.

The United States, Germany, Greece, Belgium, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, France and Spain has also concluded and signed tariff treaties with the National Government.

Not Quite Sure.

His Majesty's Government had formally recognised the National Government. Sir Miles Lampson presented his credentials to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, on the day following the signature of the treaty.

Mr. Saklatvala, the Communist Member for Battersea, asked:—May we take it that Japan has not yet signed a treaty, and if so, does not the present position with Britain remain the same under the most-favoured-nation clause?

Sir Austen Chamberlain:—I am not quite sure at the present moment exactly what the position is with regard to Japan.

Position Clarified.

[It will be recalled that a few days ago, the announcement was made that Mr. Yoda, the Consul-General at Shanghai, had come to an agreement with Mr. T. V. Soong, the Minister of Finance, by which Japan expressed willingness to grant tariff autonomy to China. No treaty has been signed, the agreement having been reached by an exchange of notes.]

The position is, therefore, clarified. Had Japan stood out, the opinion is expressed in well-informed quarters that the new tariff schedule could not have been enforced on February 1st, owing to the existence of the most-favoured-nation clause in the treaties.]

Troops in Shanghai.

Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) asked the Secretary for War when it is proposed to withdraw British troops from Shanghai.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans replied that this must depend on the local situation, but of the additional battalions sent to China, three would have been withdrawn by the end of this trooping season.

Mr. Thurtle (Lab.) asked if the local situation was not already sufficiently settled for all troops to be withdrawn.

Sir Laming replied that it was so much improved that a great many had been or were being withdrawn.

Col. Wedgwood:—Is not the Shanghai Volunteer Corps held to be a sufficiently strong force to render the presence of British troops no longer necessary?

The Secretary for War:—No.

HOME FOOTBALL.

STOCKPORT DEFEATED AT NELSON.

London, Jan. 22.

In the Northern Section of the English League to-day, Nelson defeated Stockport County by four goals to one.

THE KING.

SOON WELL ENOUGH TO TRAVEL.

TO TAKE THE AIR AT BOGNOR EARLY NEXT MONTH.

PLEASING BULLETIN.

London, Jan. 22.

This morning's bulletin regarding the King, the first for sixty hours, has created general satisfaction, particularly the statements that His Majesty's temperature has remained normal for many days, that the condition of the pulse is satisfactory and that the empyema wound is steadily healing.

The time of the next bulletin has not been arranged. It is stated that if the King's condition continues so satisfactory, they may be few and far between.

Shortly after the issue of the gratifying bulletin, an official statement was issued from the Palace, reading as follows:

"It has been realised by the King's medical advisers that prior to the establishment of convalescence there would arise a time when sea air would be necessary in order to secure a continuation of His Majesty's progress."

"With this knowledge a careful search was made for a residence not only suitable in itself, but possessing the necessary attributes of close proximity to sea, southern exposure, protection from the wind and reasonable access to London. The residence selected is Craigwell House, Bognor, placed at His Majesty's disposal."

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IN NORTH.

Many Houses Collapse in Early Morning.

OCCUPANTS KILLED.

Peking, Jan. 22.

The second earthquake within a week occurred in the newly-created Province of Suiyuan at 2.45 a.m. on Sunday.

Many houses collapsed, crushing the inhabitants who were asleep. Numbers are reported to have been killed.

The railway from Peking is interrupted as a result of the quake.

The first earthquake, which took place on the 14th instant, was not so serious as originally reported, there being no casualties in the city of Suiyuan and only a few killed in the surrounding country.

disposal by Sir Arthur du Cros, Bart.

There is reason to believe that His Majesty will travel to Bognor by road in the early part of February.

Stress is laid on the fact that the decision does not mean that convalescence has yet arrived.

The King is being taken to the coast in order that the sea air may aid him in his struggle against weakness.

Craigwell House, about one mile west of Bognor town, is situated only a few yards from the shore and, indeed, has its own sea promenade. Its garden is sheltered from northern winds and the view over the Chichester is wonderful.

Sir Arthur du Cros went abroad on a holiday some time ago, and at present is in Central Africa.

JAPANESE STEAMER ADRIFF?

TOWED IN HARBOUR BY TAIKOO TUG.

The s.s. Saishu Maru, with a heavy coal cargo for Hongkong and ports beyond, reports experiencing engine trouble off Waglan. She was towed into harbour by the Taikoo tug and berthed at buoy B.51. It is understood that the defect is not serious and can be repaired on board.

CHANNEL TUNNEL PROJECT.

MR. BALDWIN MAKES A STATEMENT.

INVESTIGATION LIKELY TO BE ORDERED.

NO PARTY POLITICS.

London, Jan. 22.

It was intimated by Mr. Stanley Baldwin in Parliament to-day that the Government preserves an open mind regarding the proposals for the construction of a tunnel under the English Channel, and is ready to give facilities for an investigation of the problems involved immediately.

The Premier made his statement at question-time in response to a motion put down by members of all parties before the Christmas recess, urging that assent should be given to the project.

Mr. Baldwin said that in view of the renewal of widespread public interest in the Channel Tunnel project, the Government had come to the conclusion that the time was ripe for a comprehensive re-examination of the question.

Economic Factors.

They were very anxious that a very thorough examination should be made of the economic considerations in all their aspects in order that these might be weighed with Imperial Defence requirements.

The decision reached would then be obtained on broad grounds of national policy.

In view of the time required to carry the project through all its stages to the completion of the tunnel the Government were convinced it would be in the public interest if it were possible to deal with the question outside Party atmosphere, and by agreement, so that the decision of one Government might not be upset by another.

To Follow Labour Lead.

If the course adopted by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, when he was Prime Minister of the Labour Government in 1924 should again commend itself to Mr. MacDonald, and also to Mr. Lloyd George, the leader of the Liberal Party, he would like to proceed on similar lines and obtain their co-operation from the outset of the inquiry.

It is unlikely that the Government will be able to spare the time for a discussion in the House, but a great deal can be achieved by co-operation outside.

Railway Questioner.

Sir Robert Horne (Conservative), a director of the Great Western Railway, asked in what way the Premier proposed to solve the economic problem.

The Premier replied: That is a question I have to consider. I think the economic side is of the greatest importance, and for some years past it has not been investigated.

The chairman of the Channel Tunnel Parliamentary Committee, Sir William Bull has approached Chambers of Commerce and labour organizations for their views of the project.

He pointed out, as reported yesterday, that the £30,000,000 required as the capital cost of the tunnel would provide 6,000,000 weeks' work, or work for 60,000 men for nearly two years.

The Full Scheme.

The Telegraph yesterday gave details of the latest scheme proposed, as set out in a recent book. It contemplates a railway from London to Paris, on which the trains would be capable of an average speed of 92 miles an hour; thus competing with air travel.

Capital expenditure is estimated at £180,177,094 including £30,811,200 for the tunnel. With gross receipts at over £95,000,000, average of £2 for a single fare from London to Paris, it is estimated that the working would yield an annual profit of over £12,000,000, enabling payment of 7 per cent. on Ordinary stock.

RAID ON CHINESE MEETING.

ATTEMPT TO REVIVE UNION RECENTLY PROSCRIBED?

EIGHT MEN DETAINED.

Vigorous measures taken, it is said, in connexion with the recent action of the authorities in proscribing and closing up the premises of the Tea-House Employees Guild, resulted last night in the detention of a number of men who are alleged to have been conducting an unlawful meeting.

On learning that a meeting of a large number of tea-house employees was being held at a restaurant at No. 117, Wellington Street, several detectives and District Watchmen from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs were led by a European officer to the scene. They arrived as the meeting was in progress, and detained eight of the 200 men found there.

The facts surrounding the raid are being withheld pending further investigation on the information given against these men, but it is learned that one of the suggestions is that those taking part in the meeting had the intention of forming a new Tea-House Employees' Union, under a different name to that which they held at the time of the closing of their old organisation.

RAILWAY CROSSING DISASTER.

SEVENTEEN KILLED IN A MOTOR-BUS WRECK.

BLINDING SNOWSTORM.

New York, Jan. 22.

One of the most serious railroad crossing disasters for some time occurred in Ohio to-day, at least seventeen persons being killed, and a number of others injured.

The tragedy is attributed to the fact that a blinding snowstorm was raging at the time, and that the driver of the motor-bus did not observe the approach of the train also involved until it was too late.

The motor-bus was on its way from Pittsburgh to Chicago with a large number of passengers and it collided at a crossing with a Bellevue suburban electric train travelling at a high speed.

The accident occurred about two miles east of Bellevue, the bus being smashed almost to pieces. Ready assistance was forthcoming from passengers in the train, but the majority of the victims must have been killed instantaneously.

Reuter's American Service.

EMBEZZLED FROM BANK.

LENIENCY ASKED FOR ACCUSED.

Lu Shu, an employee of the Sheung Shing native Bank, was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, with embezzling the sum of \$6,000 from his employers.

Mr. Horace Lo, in an application for leniency for the accused, said that of the sum stolen \$5,800 was recovered when the accused was arrested in Canton. The balance had apparently been spent.

The complainant Bank did not wish to press the case, said Mr. Lo, and he was instructed to ask his Worship to deal with the accused as leniently as he could.

A remand was granted.

CHANGE ON COTTON EXCHANGE.

TRADING IN FUTURE UP TO TWO YEARS.

London, Jan. 22.

The Liverpool Cotton Association has decided to allow trading in cotton futures up to two years, instead of one year, as at present.

The opinion is expressed that the currency has now been stabilised, the change is distinctly of advantage to British and Continental spinners.

In the past, a good deal of the international trade in cotton has gone to the United States owing to the one year restriction.

Reuter.

UNUSUAL MURDER EXHIBITS.

TELL-TALE PUNKAH TAPES.

TWO BARBERS ON TRIAL AT THE SESSIONS.

STORY OF QUARRELS.

Disagreements and quarrels between three barbers resulted in the murder of one of them at a spot near Kowloon City, according to Crown allegations made by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy against Lok Chai and Lau Hon at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

The prisoners are charged with the murder on October 21 or 22, last year, of Lau Mei, a barber, who had a shop at No. 599, Canton Road, Kowloon.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios, is defending.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. C. G. Anderson (foreman), J. E. Barrow, E. Sahmet, Lo Chan-ting, C. Barnshaw, J. S. Landolt and J. Gillespie.

Mr. Fitzroy stated that on the morning of October 21, 1928, an Indian policeman saw a crowd of people at a place near Kowloon City. On proceeding to investigate, he found a man's body lying on the ground, the body being partly bared. Nearby were sweet potato beds. The constable communicated with police headquarters and the body was taken to the Public Mortuary after photographs had been taken.

Counsel commented that the man had been seriously injured about the head, and was dead when found.

Axe-Head Found.

There was nothing by which he could be identified, but an extraordinary thing happened when the clothes were taken off the body at the Mortuary. When the trousers were taken off, an axe-head fell out, but there were no blood-stains upon it. It had, however, been since identified as belonging to a house, where the accused men had lived. A short distance away, the handle to the axe head was found.

After the removal of the body, continued counsel, the vicinity and a pathway nearby was examined. On the path there was a certain amount of blood, and it was along that path that the handle was found.

Describing other things that were found, Mr. Fitzroy said that a piece of tape was discovered in the dead man's mouth which was tied round the face, pressing down the tongue, and was tied at the back of the head. Medical evidence would show that there were certain signs of asphyxiation. Other pieces of tape were also found which were stained with blood.

Punkah Tapes?

Those pieces of tape, said Mr. Fitzroy, were of the utmost importance, because at the deceased's shop there was a punkah which was worked by such tape. About one or two months before the murder, the tape broke and was replaced by another which was still in use. Four people would swear that the tape found on the scene of the crime was the old tape which had formerly been used on the punkah.

Lok Chai had stated that the tape found could not have been used on the punkah because that tape was covered with oil. Mr. Fitzroy here stated that this tape had been sent to the Government Bacteriologist for examination, and traces of oil had been found.

After the finding of the body, continued counsel, nothing further was heard about the man for a short while. Advertisements were issued by the police bearing photographs, and a reward of \$25 was offered for identification, this being successfully claimed on October 30.

Mr. Fitzroy went on to say that Lok Chai, who was a barber, had been a partner in the barber's business for a short time. Lau Hon, who was a street barber, was in the

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HONGKONG BOY SCOUTS. ASSOCIATION NEEDS MORE OFFICERS.

MR. BLASON LEAVING.

The need of more officers for the local branch of the Boy Scouts' Association was strongly stressed at the annual meeting held at St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday evening under the chairmanship of His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi), Chief Scout of Hongkong who was supported by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall (President), the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave (Commissioner) and other officers of the Association.

Sir Cecil Clementi "was loudly applauded on rising to address the gathering. His Excellency said: Gentlemen, I have the advantage, which you have not yet had, of reading the report of last year's working of the Hongkong branch of the Boy Scouts' Association. I am, therefore, able to congratulate the Council and its Executive Committee on very good work done during 1928. The Boy Scouts now form an important element in the educational system of this Colony, and their influence is likely to increase year by year. It is, therefore, essential that we should proceed upon sound lines, and our greatest need at the moment is to obtain adequately trained officers for every branch. The training of officers in England is often undertaken in the large public schools, where boys in the highest classes are encouraged to go through a special course, in order to fit themselves to become Scout Masters. I saw this work being done at Marlborough College and was impressed by the results which may be expected from it. Perhaps something of this kind could be started in Hongkong. While in England, I also had the opportunity of meeting the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell, who takes a very keen interest in the work done by the Hongkong branch of the Boy Scouts' Association, and who, I am sure, would wish me to give you his greetings on this occasion. (Applause).

Loss to Association.

We are about to lose two gentlemen, who have done a great deal for Scouting in Hongkong. Mr. Blason, as Assistant Commissioner, has been an enthusiastic worker, and has earned from our Boy Scouts the soubriquet of "King of Shek-O." (Applause). His Excellency General Luard has also taken a very keen interest in the Scout movement in Hongkong and both he and Mrs. Luard have repeatedly placed the grounds of Headquarters House at the disposal of the Association. In him and in Mr. Blason the Boy Scouts of Hongkong will lose good friends, and I can only hope that their successors will be equally interested in the Scout movement. (Hear hear) I now call upon the Honorary Secretary to read the annual report. (Applause).

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, before reading the report, mentioned that letters had been received from the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn and Mrs. Southorn, the Bishop of Victoria and Bishop Valtorta, expressing regret at being unable to be present at the meeting.

Annual Report.

In presenting the report for the past year, Mr. Mitchell said: The Wolf Cub Packs, the junior section, have been fortunate in acquiring Mr. W. H. Smith as District Cubmaster. He came to us with a record of long experience and faithful service in England, and immediately accepted invitation to take in hand the development of the Cub Branch in this Association. Though he has so far had little time to spare, his efforts have resulted in marked growth in the right direction, and if only we could get enough helpers the boundless chances offering would be eagerly seized. We may say here that ladies make excellent

Cubmasters. We pay warm tribute to the self-denial and hard work of those Cubmasters of both sexes who are already carrying on this very important section of Scout activity. (Applause).

The Scouts.

The Boy Scout Troops, including the Sea Scouts, have increased from 22 to 24, but of the original 22 one was practically moribund, and ceased to exist early in the year, so that the gain is three new Troops. Again the growth would have been for greater had we been able to supply the urgent demand for suitable Scoutmasters. Those we have are working short-handed, and, taking everything into consideration, are doing wonders. Unfortunately several found the time required more than they were able to spare and had to resign, but we are none the less appreciative of the splendid work they have all put in. Mr. White, our District Scoutmaster, has found himself handicapped in the same way, but we hope in the near future to be able to give him the extra help he so urgently needs. We should be sorry to lose the valuable services of one who has been closely connected with Hongkong Scouting for so many years.

The Rovers.

The Rover Scouts' Crews have unfortunately progressed least of the three sections. Again the cause has largely been lack of Rover Leaders. This Branch of Scouting is probably the most difficult to run, and so far its special aims and methods have hardly been grasped sufficiently well for us to expect great advance. However, our old friend Mr. Champkin has nobly undertaken the oversight of this section during his all-too-short sojourn in the Colony, and we look for tremendous strides forward in the near future. (Applause). There were two fine patrols of Rover Scouts formed from men in the Destroyer Flotilla who left perforce when that Flotilla was recalled, but we are glad to say that many of them, with Mr. Blason in charge, will probably represent Hongkong at the Imperial Jamboree in England next August. (Applause).

Taking the growth of the movement locally, it has been most vigorous on the other side of the Harbour, and there is a large field yet to be covered in that direction. We note that Schools are coming more and more to realise the value of Scouting as a real help in character training. The new Scout Troops are all Chinese, in camp Scout training has its greatest possibilities. There has also been far more "hike-camping," two or three boys together, for one or two nights, than in previous years.

Rallies.

The usual Banner competition rallies took place in the grounds of Headquarters House in the Spring and Autumn. We feel we cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to His Excellency Major General and Mrs. Luard for all they have done for us. The Thanks Badges presented to them at the Autumn rally were but very small tokens of our genuine appreciation of their great kindness and our affection for them personally, and we earnestly wish them "God speed" when they leave Hongkong. (Applause). The Prince of Wales Banner has been again won by the 1st Sea Scouts for work done in 1928. We sincerely hope that this year will see some other Troop coming in first, though for it is not good for one Troop always to be winning, either for itself or for the other Troops.

Headquarters Staff.

The local Headquarters Staff has been very fortunate in obtaining two very efficient secretaries. First of all, Mr. J. A. Worwick, and then, when he was moved to the Dutch East Indies, Mr. A. S. Mitchell took over the onerous duties connected with that post. Mr. Mitchell had much experience in the same work in Calcutta, and we warmly congratulate ourselves on acquiring him. (Applause).

The difference both these gentlemen have made in the office side of the working has been most marked and very valuable. Scoutmaster Ip Chui-hing, in charge of Headquarters, was appointed Assistant Secretary, a post which he has filled most ably.

Mr. W. K. Tait, on the appointment of Mr. C. H. Blason as Assistant Commissioner, kindly accepted this post of Assistant Treasurer, thus setting Mr. Blason more at liberty for his additional duties. Mr. Tait's part in the running of the Association is a very important one, which he has, needless to say, filled with great advantage to Scouting in Hongkong.

Mr. Blason, who is about to leave us, has from the very first day on which he joined this Association thrown himself wholeheartedly into every branch of our activities. Even when on home leave he took a course at the Scout Officers' Training Camp and represented Hongkong at the Wembley Jamboree in 1924. His bungalow and garden at Shek-O have been a boon and a blessing to Scouts and Scouters alike, and we can hardly think of camping there in future without seeing "The King of Shek-O," as a Scout entitled him in a Journey Report, keeping careful watch over the invaders of his Realm. The arduous duties of Editor of the Silver Wolf fell upon his capable shoulders, and his experience as a skilled photographer has been responsible for many of the really artistic pictures which have been published in that little periodical, while many articles from his pen, fact, fiction, poetry, amusing, instructive and even musical, have done most to make its pages bright and interesting. His departure will, we fear, leave a very big gap in our ranks. (Applause).

Finance.

The financial side of the movement needs here but brief mention, but we deeply appreciate the making of a per capita grant from Government Funds, also the raising of the magnificent sum of \$4,000 by three friends at the request of our zealous and hard working President, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall (applause), to whose ever ready advice and assistance we owe so much. Much hard work on our behalf has been put in by the Members of Council under his Chairmanship and to them all we express our sincere thanks.

According to the statement of accounts the total expense of the Association for the past year was \$2,329.63 while only \$620 were received in subscriptions. There would have been a great deficit but for the money raised by the President.

President's Address.

Dr. Kotewall, in addressing the meeting, said: First of all I should like to express the great pleasure we feel in having back with us and present at this meeting His Excellency the Chief Scout whose unfagging interest in our work has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to us. (Applause).

Continuing, Dr. Kotewall said:

I am glad that fitting tribute has been paid to our Assistant Commissioner and Honorary Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Blason, who is soon to leave us. It is now nearly seven years since Mr. Blason joined the Hongkong Branch and no one, except our Commissioner, has made a greater contribution to its success. In spite of the already onerous duties assigned to him, he has always contrived to find time to help in all the activities of the Association, and with that quiet efficiency which we have learned to expect of him. He takes a keen personal interest in the boys who love him as they respect him. Though he is not coming back, this connexion with us will, fortunately, be preserved for a little while longer, for he will represent us in the next Imperial Jamboree. On your behalf I thank him most warmly for his splendid services, and wish him a very happy and long life in retirement. (Applause).

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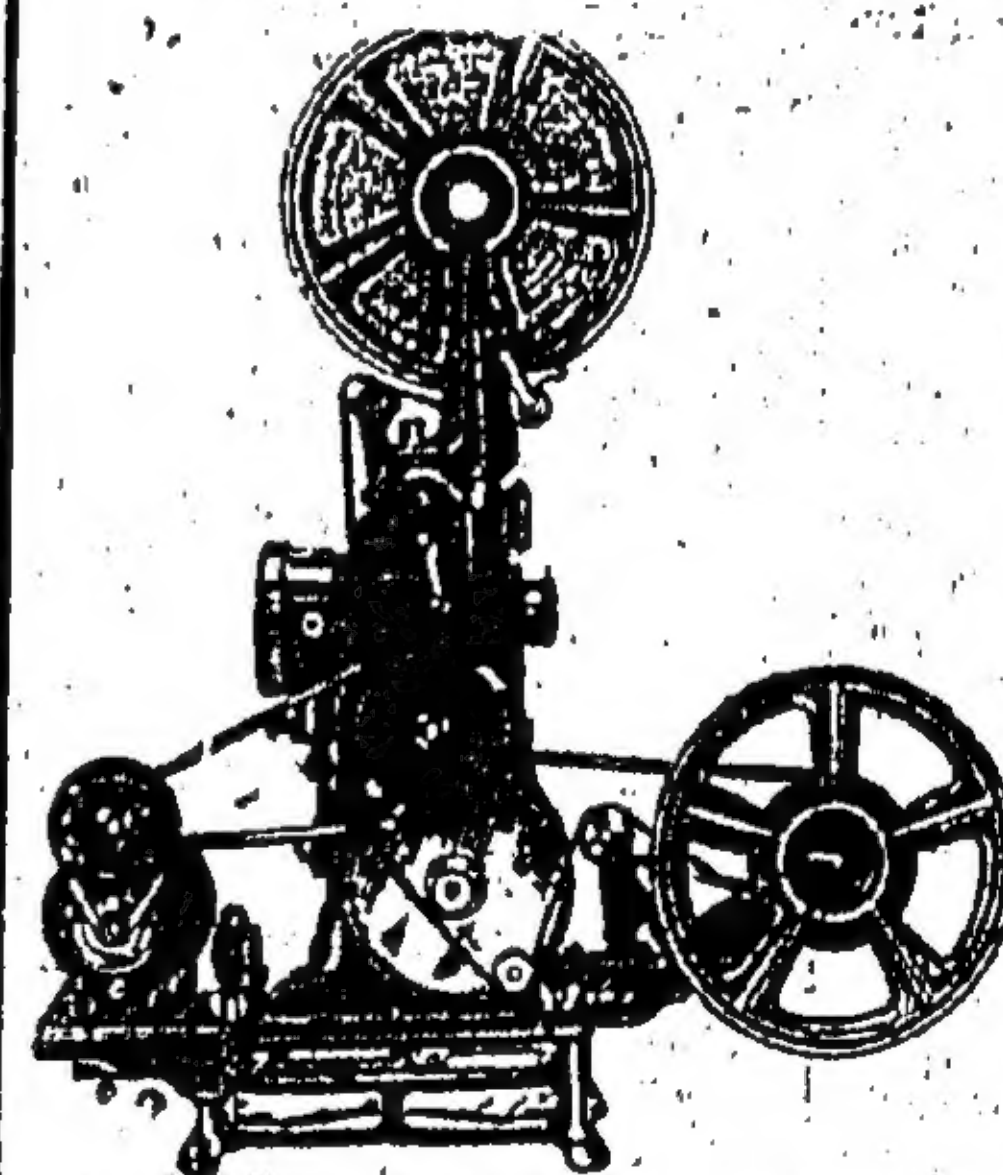
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flow;
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seek a pearl,
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Picture taken after the wedding in Shanghai of Mr. Benno Moiseiwitch, the famous pianist, and Miss Annie Gonsburger.



This group was taken after the wedding at H. B. M. Consulate-General Shanghai of Miss Vera Barely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Barely, of Westliff-on-Sea, and Mr. Donald Lettington, the third son of Mrs. W. A. Lettington of the same town. The bridegroom is very popular in Shanghai, and the bride recently arrived from England.



The country around Shanghai abounds in pretty spots, one of which is shown in the above picture.



The last dash in the recent Shanghai paper hunt. The first three home are seen running for the line.



Group taken in Shanghai a day or so ago when a reception was given in honour of Mr. F. W. Maze, the newly-appointed Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs. Mr. Maze is seated in the front centre, and on his left is Mr. Cheng Fu-yuen, head of the Customs Administration in the Finance Ministry.



Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, the young leader of Manchuria, is shown above, standing high in the doorway at a Christmas party which he gave in Mukden. His wife, younger brothers and small sons were also present. A number of foreigners are also to be seen.

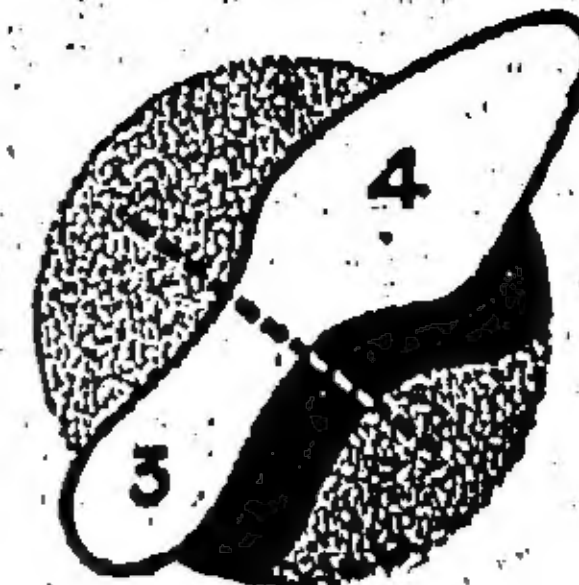


A Chinese child done in plaster by Mr. W. W. Wagstaff, a member of the Shang-Art Club.



Two Shanghai children who are taking part in the Dickens matinee to be held in the Shanghai Town Hall on Saturday next.

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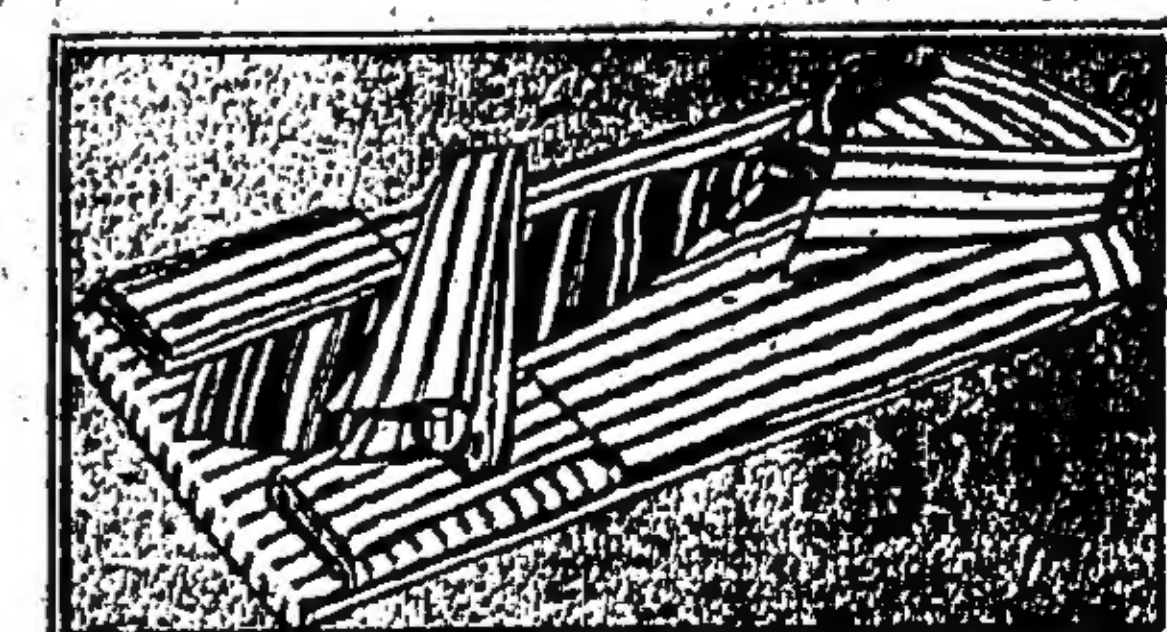
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344, 363, 371, 374, 376, 381
385, 411, 426, 427, 443, 445
455, 461, 462, 465

SITUATIONS VACANT.

WANTED.—Young lady as shop assistant, European preferred. One who is willing to learn a trade and is not afraid of hard work. Small salary to commence. Write Box No. 471, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.

CLOSING SALE.—On 31st of January MADAME PIERETTE, 2 P.C. Building, 2nd floor, fashionable hats, \$3.00 each. Evening and afternoon gowns, \$25.00 each. Winter coats from \$45.00. Voile dresses with hem-stitchings at \$12.00 each. These prices are 30 per cent. below cost.

CARS FOR SALE.

BUICK.—Five-seater tourer, Majeestic body, owner driven since new, splendid condition, has done only moderate mileage. Tyres new. Available middle or end February. Rev. G. E. S. Updell, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

APARTMENT TO LET.

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MACAO RACES

SUNDAY,

27th January, 1929
Watch Daily Papers
for Particulars.

It is officially estimated, that by 1930 Canada will have over 1,000 new licensed air pilots, in addition to a large number of aviators who saw service in the war.

New Advertisements

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

First Rugby Interport Trial.
The Club v The Army.

Thursday, 24th January, on the Hongkong Football Club Ground, Happy Valley, Kick off, 5 p.m. Admission:
Covered stand 50 cts.
Open stands 20 cts.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

A submarine Telephone cable will be laid in the Harbour Cable Reserve at 7.30 a.m. on Thursday next, the 24th instant (weather permitting), and all shipping is requested to proceed with the utmost caution when passing the cable laying craft.

J. P. SHERRY,
Manager.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1929.

Owners are reminded that entries for the Annual Race Meeting must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before Saturday, 26th January, 1929, at 3 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Thursday the 31st January, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd January to 31st January 1929, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Manager.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz.:

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming, the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.
By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Jolson, Stokes & Master, Prince Building, Solicitors to the Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC LONDON.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS MAY, 1929.

The last day of entry for forthcoming Examinations in

THEORY and PRACTICAL

will be 11th February.
Local Secretary:—Wm. Anderson, care of Anderson Music Co., Ltd., from whom the current regulations may be obtained.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in feet and inches.	Area in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Upset Price.
1	Lot 1, in the Colony of Hongkong, bounded by the sea on the north and east, by the road on the south, and by the road on the west.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1/4 acre.	\$100

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A standard glass window in St. Agnes's Church, Kensington Park, S. E. has been decided by the Bishop of Woolwich to the memory of Canon Thomas Birkett Dover, the first vicar, and his wife.

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Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, St. boards, Dinner Wagons, Ice Chests, Kitchen Utensils, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, etc., etc.
Brass and Teak Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Washstands, Toilet Crockery, Linen, etc., etc.

A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture.

Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Wednesday, 23rd January, 1929.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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CANTON MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS

TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER-WORKS PLANT.

For the improvement of the water system of Canton, the Canton Municipality hereby requests tenders to submit their quotations for the following proposed plants, machinery, pumps, etc.

1. One rapid precipitation plant with a capacity of 10 million gallons of water per 24 hrs.
2. One rapid filtering plant with a capacity of 10 million gallons of water per 24 hrs. Item 1 and 2 may be combined in one unit.
3. Two-centrifugal pumps, 40 feet pressure head, capacity of 5 million gallons per 24 hrs. each. Belt-driven by two water gas internal combustion engines, or crude oil engines.
4. One direct acting pump, 300 feet pressure head, capacity of 10 million gallons per 24 hrs. Direct connection to triple expansion steam engine.
5. One water tube boiler, steam pressure 150 lbs. gauge, with mechanical stoke, chain grate, able to furnish 18,000 lbs. of steam per hr. Price to include economizer, feed water pump, feed water heater, super heater super heating steam 100 F. and other fittings that go along with boiler.
6. One 36" cast iron or steel main pipe, flange joint, tested pressure 600 ft. head. Price per running foot should include packing material, bolts and nuts.
7. One 24" cast iron or steel main pipe, socket joint, tested pressure 600 ft. head. Price per running foot should include packing material.
8. Prices of each 36" and 24" gate valves. Tested pressure 600 ft. head.
9. Two 36" venturi Meters with self recording apparatus. (Manufacturer's name should be given.)

Note: Tenderers are requested to submit full particulars and descriptions of all goods they offer. Quotations of machinery, plants, etc. should be accompanied with detail drawings. All Prices should be Quoted Net, and should be sent in on and before February 20, 1929.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1350 s
Chartered Bank, \$221 b
Meroantile A. & B., \$34 n
P. and O. \$91 n
East Asiatic \$89 b

Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$6321 b
Union Ins., \$370 n
North China Ins., \$160 b
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n
China Underwriters, \$2.40 s
China Firs, \$280 b
H. K. Fire Ins., \$785 n
Shipping.
Douglases, \$381 n
H. K. Steamboats, \$277 s
H. K. Tugs, \$1 ea
Indo-China, (Def.) \$90 n
Shell Trans., \$113/- n
Union Waterboats, \$24 b

Mining.
Benguet, \$2.40 b
Kallang, 70/- b
Langkat, \$10.60 sa
Shai Exploration, \$1.20 sa
Raub, \$51 b
Tronoh, 17/6 n
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$1321 b
Whampoa Docks, \$401 n
China Provident, \$5.20 s
Hongkew, \$164 b
New Engineering, \$1.51 n
Shanghai Docks, \$1.06 b

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, \$13.15 s
Oriental, \$1.20 s
Shai Cottons, \$1.65 (old) b
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$9.25 s
H. K. Lands, \$65 n
Shai Lands, \$165 b
Humphreys, \$14.80 b
Roelke, \$81 n

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$20.50 sa
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 s
Star Ferries, \$731 n
China Lights, (old) \$12.25 s
H. K. Electric, \$54 sa
Macao Electric, \$281 b
Telephones, \$7.00 b
China Buses, \$104 b
Singapore Tractors, 12/- n

Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 n
Malabars, \$214 b
Canton Ices, \$3.50 n
Cements (Comb.), \$10.00 s
Ropes (Old), \$6.90 b
United Asbestos, \$5 n
Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$212 s
Watsons, \$13.30 s
Der A. Wing, 80 b
Lane Crawford, \$305 n
Mackintosh, \$20 n
Sincors, \$9.50 b
Wm. Powell, \$3.65 n

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$271 s
Constructions, \$1.50 b
B'que Ind. & Bonds, \$68 s
H.K.G. Loans, 5% Prem Interest

"FEET OF CLAY" NOT A COPY.

"OUTWARD BOUND" NOT INFRINGED.

A famous play and a film featured in the Court of Appeal recently.
Famous Players Film Company and other film concerns appealed from a decision that the film "Feet of Clay" infringed the copyright of Mr. Sutton Vane's play, "Outward Bound."
Lord Justice Scrutton, giving judgment, said that during the hearing of the appeal his opinion had fluctuated.
"Outward Bound" was an original play of great merit. He had seen the film "Feet of Clay." The film did not impress him with any similarity to "Outward Bound." Mr. Sutton Vane had failed to prove that his copyright had been infringed, and the appeal must be allowed. Lord Justice Greer agreed.
Lord Justice Sankey dissented. The play "Outward Bound" stood in a class by itself. It dealt with events which, in the aggregate, made it new and original, and the same features appeared in the film "Feet of Clay."
His judgment involved no suggestion that Mr. de Mille (the producer) had consciously acted dishonestly. That he had copied the play was clear, but he (the judge) believed that Mr. de Mille did so unconsciously and not dishonestly.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The special rate of postage on newspapers published in Hongkong and addressed to British Possessions, China and Macao is 2 cents per 4 oz. and not 2 cents per newspaper.

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REGISTERED and PARCELS MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

It is hereby notified that on and after 1st January, 1929:—
(a) the radio rate on messages to Macao will be 10 cents per word, and
(b) the charges on messages to all Ship Stations, irrespective of Nationality, will be on the basis of a word rate, pure and simple, with no minimum charge.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straits	Van Heuts	January 23.
Shanghai and Amoy	Newchwang	January 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	January 25.
Japan, Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia (London 3rd and 4th January)		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	January 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	January 26.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	General Metzinger	January 27.
Europe via Negapatam, letters and papers, London 27th December	Pres. Lincoln	January 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Padua	January 29.
Japan	D'Artagnan	January 29.
Japan	Anafura	January 30.
Australia and Manila	Ano Maru	January 31.
	Tanda	February 4.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Shanghai	Yunnan	Wed, Jan. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Heutz	Wed, Jan. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Wed, Jan. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	Wed, Jan. 23, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Cardiganshire	Wed, Jan. 23, 6 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and Europe via Victoria B.C.		

Telthylbus Thur., Jan. 24.
Parcels 23rd 5 p.m.
Registration 24th 9.45 a.m.
Letters 24th 10.30 a.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 19th Feb.)
Dalgoma Thurs., Jan. 24, 12.30 p.m.
Hydranga Thurs., Jan. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Hatching Fri., Jan. 25, 1 p.m.
Yat Shing Fri., Jan. 25, 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles
Kashima Maru Sat., Jan. 23.
K. P. O.
Registration 26th 4.30 p.m.
Letters 26th 9 a.m.
G. P. O.
Registration 26th 8.45 a.m.
Letters 26th 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 24th February.)
Suisang Sat., Jan. 25.
Parcels noon.
Letters 1 p.m.

Amoy Anking Sat., Jan. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Manila Pres. Hayes Sat., Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Dalgoma and Europe via Siberia
Luchow Sat., Jan. 26, 9 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Roman Maru Sun., Jan. 27, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kwangchow Sun., Jan. 27, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia General Metzinger Sun., Jan. 27, 9 a.m.

Straits, Mombasa, Laurence Marques, and South Africa Bingo Maru Mon., Jan. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central, and South America, and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia
Parcels Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
President Grant Tues., Jan. 29.
Registration Jan. 29, 9.45 a.m.
Letters Jan. 29, 10.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 26th February.)
Shantung Tues., Jan. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Hail Ning Tues., Jan. 29, 2 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow Hail Ning Tues., Jan. 29, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles
D'Artagnan Tues., Jan. 29.
K. P. O.
Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G. P. O.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 1st March.)

Manila Pres. Lincoln Tues., Jan. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow Hang Sang Tues., Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Tean Wed., Jan. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai Hupeh Wed., Jan. 30, 1.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia Tjikarang Thurs., Jan. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco Anyo Maru Fri., Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 8th March.)

Manila, Sandakan, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island
Parcels Fri., Feb. 1.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Thursday Island 16th Feb.)
Hailyang Fri., Jan. 1, noon.

Swatow, Amoy and Fochow Hailyang Fri., Jan. 1, noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles
Morea Sat., Feb. 2.
K. P. O.
Parcels Feb. 1, 4.30 p.m.
Registration Feb. 2, 9 a.m.
Letters Feb. 2, 10 a.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
Registration Feb. 2, 9.45 a.m.
Letters Feb. 2, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 1st March.)

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

ALL METAL AIRSHIP.

News has been received at Croydon Aerodrome from America that the first all-metal airship ever constructed is now practically completed, and will make a trial flight as soon as weather conditions permit. This airship is built entirely of metal, even the outer covering, which is constructed of thin metal sheets, and its designers claim that this method of construction will enable them to dispense with gasbags, the metal outer sheet on the airship being gas-proof and acting as one big gas container.
The new airship, which is experimental, has a gas capacity of 830,000 cubic feet, as compared with the five million cubic feet Burney Rolls-Royce airship now nearing completion at Howden in Yorkshire.
The new American airship will be driven by steam turbines instead of the petrol engines which are to drive the British airship. This will be the first time that steam turbines have been used in aircraft.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ASKED TO APPROVE VOTES
OF \$92,887.00.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at a meeting to-morrow will be asked to approve supplementary expenditure amounting to \$92,887. Of this sum \$30,150 is required for the completion of the new No. 3 Police Launch for which \$103,100 was voted in 1928, the sum of \$30,150 of which lapsed last year.

Personal Emoluments.

The votes are as under:
Colonial Secretary's Office and
Legislature:—1, Personal Emoluments, \$109.

Provision made in Estimates, 12,665; Provision made by Supplementary Vote, \$132; Total \$42,687.

It is regretted that owing to a miscalculation the deficiency on this vote was estimated at \$132 instead of \$241, and an additional supply of \$109 is now requested.

As was stated before, the deficiency is due to the engagement of one additional Confidential Assistant and Stenographer and the increase of salary of the Senior Confidential Assistant and Stenographer.

Pensions.

Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, \$43,929.
Provision made in Estimates, \$129,000.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of State for the Colonies it is proposed to antedate the increase in pension authorized by the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Amendment Ordinance, 1928, to January 1, 1920, and a vote of \$43,929 is requested to meet payments thus due in respect of the period 1st January, 1920, to 31st December, 1928.

Coal for Offices.

Harbour Department: 18A, (New Sub-head) Coal for Offices, Transferred to Head 13 from Head 34, Sub-head 4 (1928 Estimates) and omitted from 1929 Estimates, \$5,058.

It was intended to transfer the vote "Coal for offices" from Head 34—Miscellaneous Services to Head 13—Harbour Department (vide foot-note (1), page 99 of 1929 Estimates) but by an oversight the sub-head was omitted. The above is to be met from savings under "Coal and Oil Fuel for Launches."

A New Launch.

Harbour Department: 26, Special Expenditure, 1 New Launch to replace H. D. 6, last instalment of the cost of building the M. L. "Lila," \$13,750.

This amount is a revote of a sum unexpended in 1928. The launch was contracted for in 1928 by Messrs. Bailey and Co. to be built for \$55,000, for which amount a vote was provided in 1928 Estimates, Head 13, Sub-head 21. The launch could not be completed in 1928 and an amount of \$41,250 was paid on account to 31.12.28. The last instalment of \$13,750 is now due, the Launch having been completed and delivered on 9.1.29.

Police Force, Cruising Launch fitted with searchlight, \$30,150.
Amount provided in Head 23, Sub-head 40, 1928 Estimates, \$103,100; Amount expended during 1928, \$72,950; Balance, \$30,150.

A re-vote for the sum of \$30,150 is requested to make the final payments for the building and accessories for new No. 3 Launch. This launch was not completed during 1928. The above amount lapsed in the 1928 Vote.

WU TEH-CHEN.

VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

Shanghai, Jan. 22.
The Kuomin News Agency correspondent at Nanking reports that Wu Teh-chen will be appointed Vice-Minister of the Interior. Router.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Fashion Notes.

DRESSES SIMPLE BUT IMPRESSIVE.

We now know all the dress designers have to tell us about the new modes. And, thanks to them for it, they have been extraordinarily prolific, especially in the use to be made of the many original materials, colours, and combinations of colour, and the decorative value of embroideries and fringes, ostrich feathers, and flowers. They have also exemplified to a marked extent how impressive simplicity can be, wrought under the most expensive auspices.

Looking back, one fails to recall a period when dress was simpler on the surface, and in line, and more amazingly wonderful in construction. The old Latin adage, "Ars est celare artem," might be accepted as an appropriate motto, since it is truly genius to give art the appearance of quiet, natural, artistic line.

But it is a matter of fact that dress has never been more difficult to dissect and describe. It is so largely a matter of fine workmanship which must be seen to be appreciated.

It is satisfactory to note, however, that we have entered on a phase that has never before been attacked, and one that is going to make history.

Cast to the limbo of unthinkable things is discomfort. In no simple direction is the figure distorted or braced in. Everywhere there is freedom that makes for grace and easy movement.



Black chiffon velvet is very successful when made into a house frock of smart yet unobtrusive design. The flared skirt is level all round, and is joined at the raised waistline to a bodice which opens in front to show a vest of pale lemon satin embroidered with black silk braid. Sleeves are similarly trimmed with yellow satin and black braid.



Easy to fashion and delightful to wear is the dressing jacket in peach coloured washing satin, edged with maroon dyed the same colour. It is a one-piece Magyar pattern, with comfortably wide sleeves and a fold-over front.

Novelties.

SMOKED PEARL NECKLACES.

Smoked pearl in the popular flat, lozenge shape makes attractive necklaces which look particularly well when worn with the pearl grey or pale green ensembles usually chosen to accompany a grey squirrel coat. Bracelets and brooches for hats are also made in this material.

Golf Club Pencils.

A golf bag in leather, filled with miniature golf clubs which have pencils at the other end, makes an appropriate gift for the golfing fiend. The bag is designed to stand upright on the desk, and can also be used as a holder for pens.

Painted Organdie Fans.

The old painted fans of muslin or silk have come into fashion in a new form, the latest fans being made of black organdie muslin with a bold design in brilliant oil-paint. One fan shows a pierrot and pierrette in vivid shades, and another has a Spanish lady, with her comb and the rings on her fingers dusted with silver paint.

Butterfly Evening Bag.

A large coloured silk butterfly, embroidered in multi-coloured paillettes, is the latest form of the evening bag. The silk has a purse of leather at the back, with space for mirror, cosmetics, and other necessities.

Beaded Flowers.

Buttonholes and large flowers for table decoration are now being made of strings of tiny beads sewn together to form large flat petals. As a rule, one colour is used for the whole flower, with green beads for the leaves, but in some cases shaded beads, or strings of small steel beads, are used with equal success.

Cigarette and Vanity Case.

Women will appreciate the new combined cigarette and vanity cases, for these neat contrivances reduce the evening accessories to a minimum. The case opens at

Masks.

TO HIDE THE EMOTIONS.

According to Pola Negri, the film star, who was recently in England, a serious fault of our "magnificent-looking men and women" is that they all wear masks to hide their emotions.

It is, of course, true enough that woman as well as man now goes masked, as effectively as she can, through life, but, so strongly do most of us hold the idea that emotions are things to be hidden, that it is doubtful if many would agree with the great film actress in considering the masks as disfigurements.

Not only do we train our features to an immobility which will not betray a jot of what we are feeling, but we carefully eliminate from our voices every trace of light and shade, so that the only impression conveyed, even in a moment of supreme emotion, may be one of complete unconcern. It is the ambition of the young person of to-day to take good now as calmly as bad, and to appear to "enthuse" about nothing.

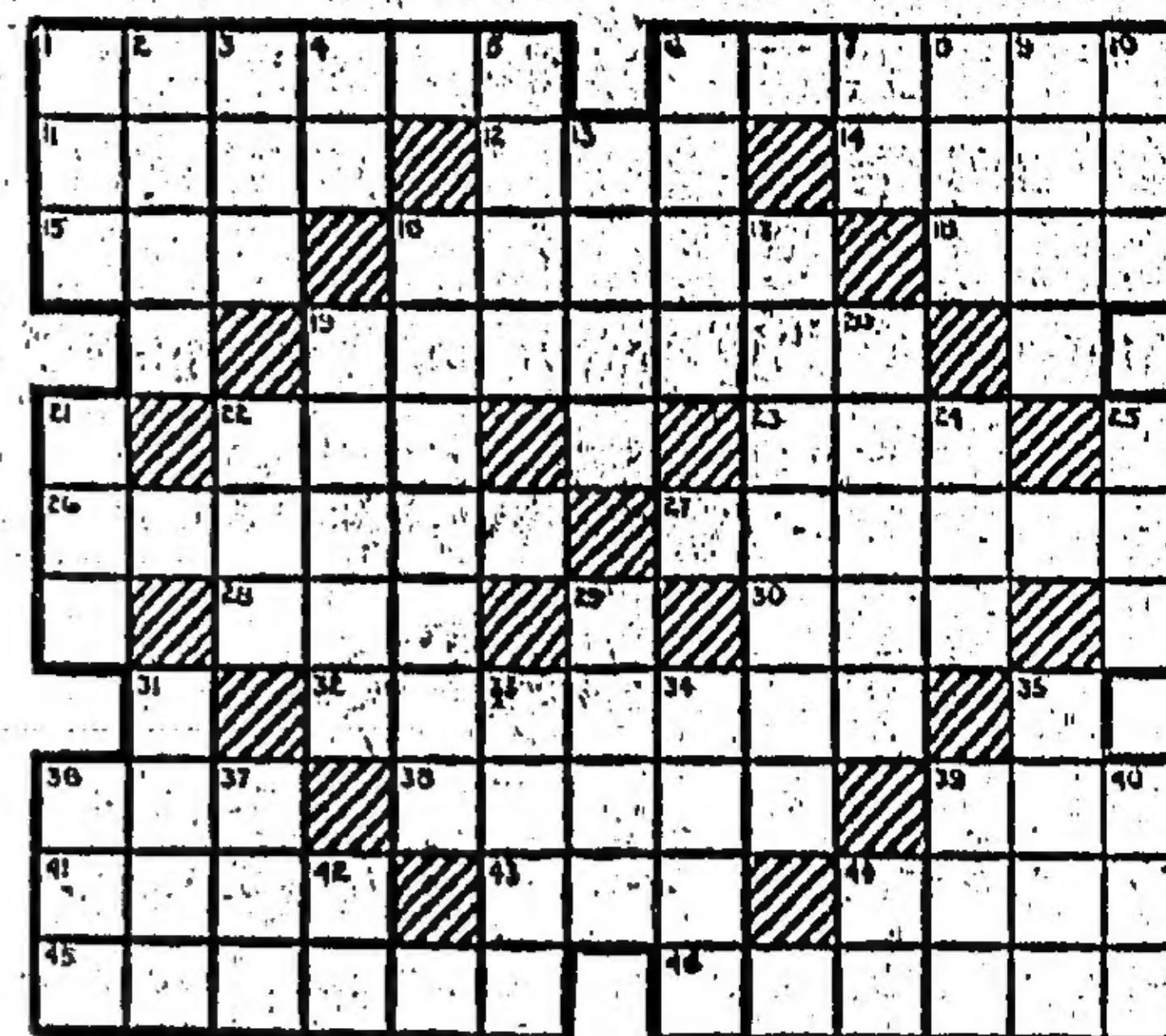
There is something to be said for the cult of immobility, no doubt, but there is also much to be said against it. Emotions, after all, have their uses.

one side to reveal small containers for powder, rouge, cream, and lipstick, with a good-sized mirror in the lid, and when opened on the other side, space for half a dozen cigarettes is found. One model is made in onyx set with brilliants. These cases are also made in coloured composition set with stones to match.

Fish Bag Ornament.

A large fish of dull gold and silver worked in relief, makes a striking ornament for a pocket bag of black antelope. In the centre of the fish is placed a small watch, with a plain gold face and a circle of diamonds on the case.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

- Type of table linen.
- Of what West Indian isle is Nassau the capital?
- Employer.
- Born.
- Opposite of odd.
- Noise.
- Dealt out grudgingly.
- To devour.
- What American gained fame by compiling a dictionary?
- Possesses.
- To nod.
- Posture.
- Barbarian.
- Tiny golf device.
- To scatter hay.
- Cracked.
- To stitch.
- Attempted.
- Eon.
- Melody.
- Wayide hotel.
- To eject.
- Pocketed as in billiards.
- What is the important river of Austria?

Vertical

- Article of clothing.
- In what continent is China?
- Males.
- Measure of area.
- Lump.
- Large red vegetable.
- Masculine pronoun.
- Hail!
- Ven!

- Social insect.
- Otherwise.
- Progression downward.
- Argued.
- Diminutive.
- Wandered.
- Venomous snake.
- Cap.
- Soft mass.
- Diamond.
- To twirl.
- During what emperor's reign did the burning of the city of Rome occur?
- Dry.
- To hang as if balanced.
- Child's bed.
- Fluid in a tree.
- Humour.
- Bird similar to an ostrich.
- Devoured.
- Preposition of place.
- Half an cm.

Yesterday's Solution.

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AGOPINE ANA
NIBRUMOR RAP
GLEAMS DREZE
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ANA SET
BEFITS PREFER
EVIL PARACE
LAX PILES IRE
ODE AREAL LED
WED NEEDY STY

NEW GRIFFITH FILM.

"THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES."

D. W. Griffith's latest big production, "The Battle of the Sexes," will be the chief attraction at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. The plot, itself is an extremely simple one and concerns a chapter that could happen in the lives of everyone. Through an act of fate, a happy, successful business man finds himself the possessor of a large fortune. Lured by his wealth, a beautiful adventuress contrives to burst in upon his tranquil life with startling results. Instantly a bitter war is waged between wife and vampire resulting in an immense dramatic denouement. Griffith is said to have directed this picture with his usual skill, presenting the same blend of artistry and entertainment which have characterized such noteworthy productions as "Way Down East," and "Orphans of the Storm." Subtle comedy is frequently introduced, this being in the capable hands of Phyllis Haver as the vamp. Jenn Hersholt, Don Alvarado, Sally O'Neil and Belle Bennett are among the principals of the large cast. "The Battle of the Sexes" is the most recent release from the United Artists Studio.

Gamekeepers found on the moors at Otter Bar, Derbyshire, on Dec. 20, the body of Miss Maggie Mills, 47, a former school teacher, who had been missing from her home at Totley since December 11.

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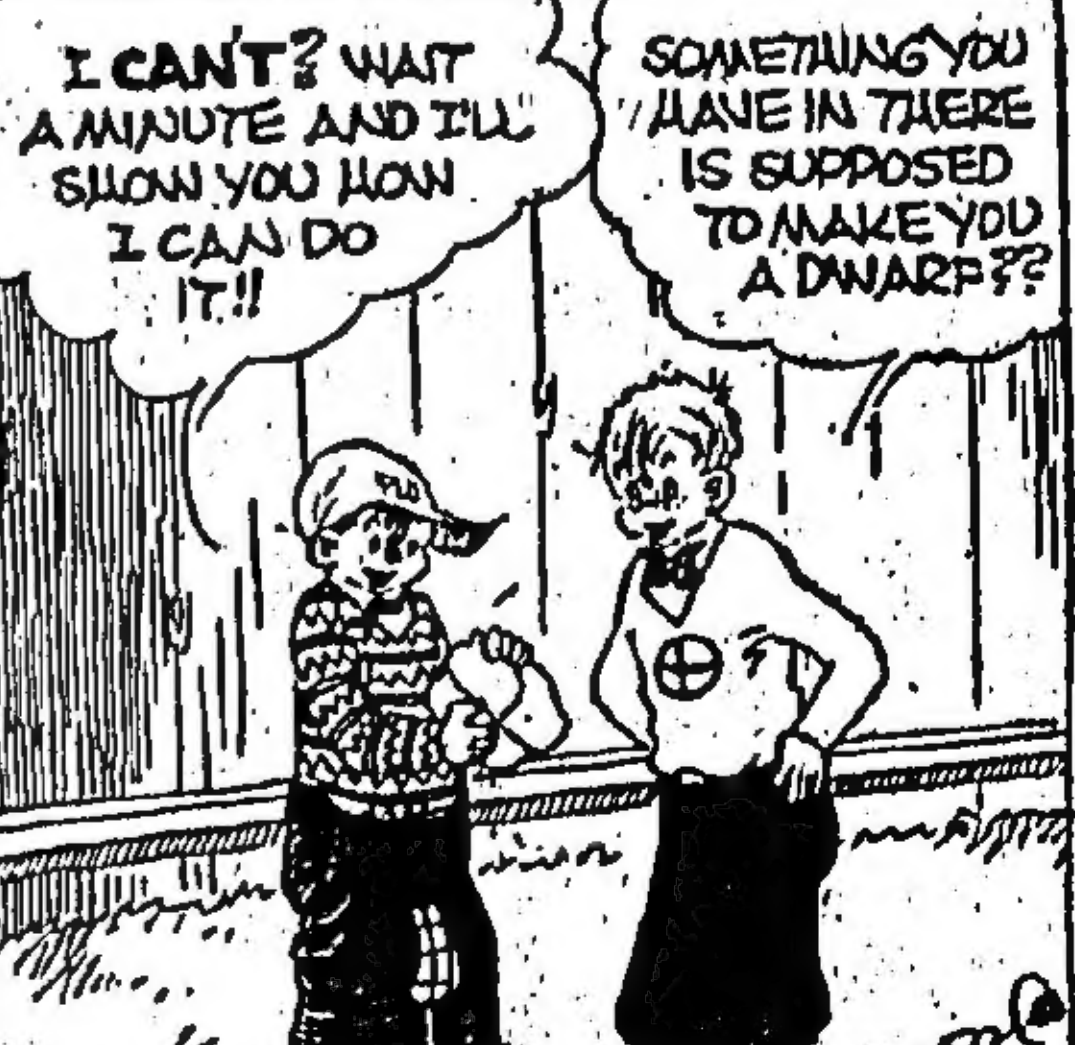
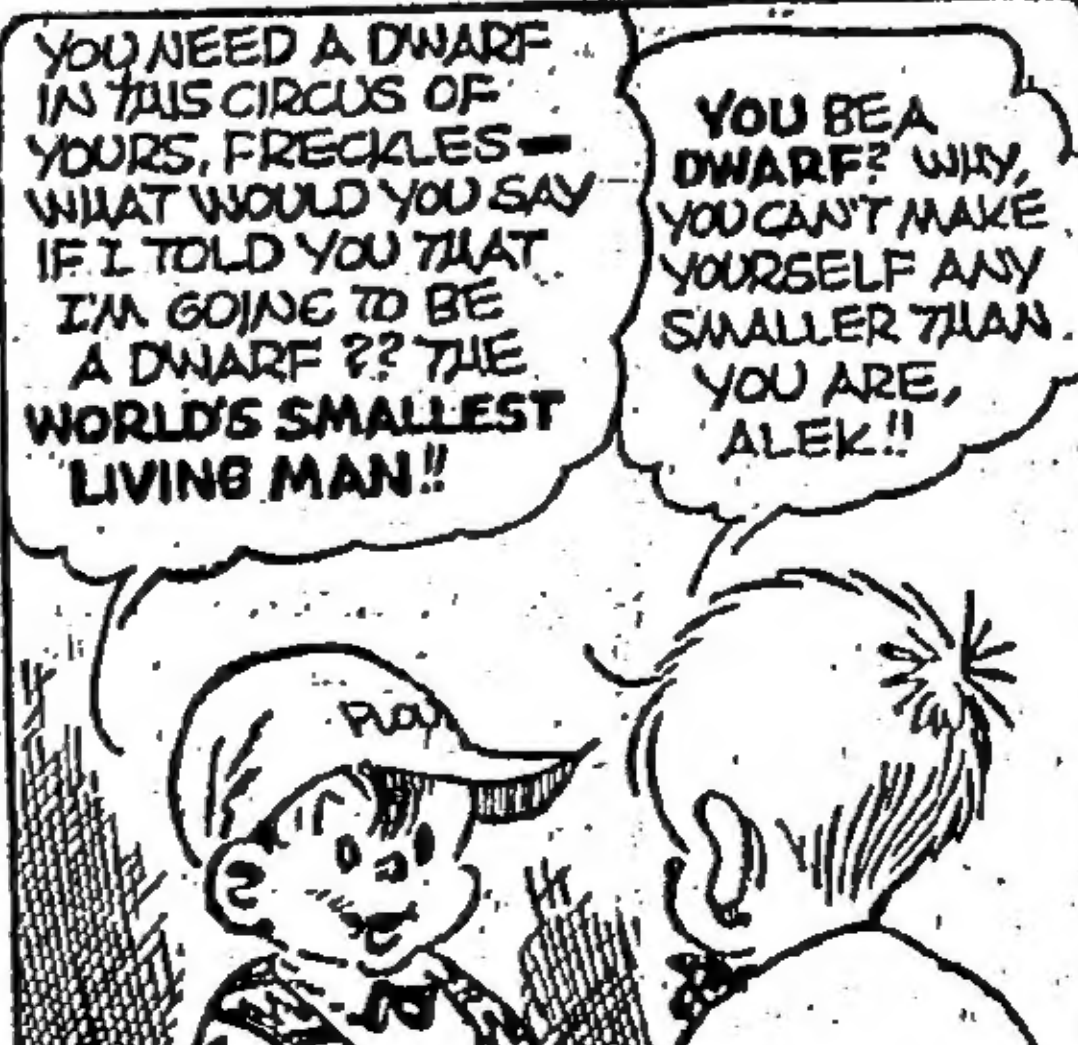
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BIRTH.

SHENTON.—On Jan. 22nd, at the
Victoria Hospital, to Mr. and
Mrs. W. J. Shenton, a daughter.The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23, 1929

PASSPORTS.

Passport and registration requirements are made the subject of comment by a Singapore paper, which, whilst admitting the value of the passport system in times of emergency, thinks that the time has come for a relaxing of some of the regulations. In particular, complaint is voiced regarding the requirements by which British subjects travelling from Malaya to Siam still have to secure visas, although this is not insisted upon in the case of subjects of certain other countries. A further point which is mentioned is that the law at present lays down that residents moving from one part of the town to another in Singapore have to notify their change of address, and that they also have to report a journey from, say, Singapore to Kuala Lumpur. It is put on record that the police make these regulations as little burdensome as possible, but the necessity for their continuation is queried. These requirements appear to be a legacy left over from the war, and it is only natural that there should be doubts expressed regarding the need for their retention.

Here in Hongkong, passports are still in force, but the procedure is quite simple and does not entail any very marked inconvenience. But a remark made by our Singapore contemporary applies with equal force to this Colony, namely, that many undesirable are not affected by the existing regulations. Amongst hordes of coolies, Chinese Communists can find their way here with no inconvenience at all. The deck passenger knows nothing of passports, neither do the authorities greatly trouble him, so that in the final result passport regulations are singularly ineffective in checking the entry of undesirables. It is true that in the case of Europeans there is insistence on the possession of passports, but even so, it is suggested that agitators within this category might find little difficulty in satisfying the most vigilant of passport officers. The main source of trouble in the East, however, is to be found in the native agitator, and, unhappily, there is very little machinery at present by which track can be kept of this type of individual. Keen as the police are on keeping out Chinese mischief-makers, there can be no questioning the fact that many of

them find their way into the Colony and, once here, do a great deal of very real harm.

On the general question of passports, the tendency nowadays is to reduce the requirements to the lowest minimum possible, and visas are not now so keenly insisted upon, whilst in some cases all passport restrictions have been withdrawn. In this connexion, Britain and Germany have recently greatly simplified the travel regulations, to the mutual advantage of both countries. There are, of course, decided advantages in the passport system, to the individual as well as to the nation, but it is only in times of emergency that these become most apparent. On the whole, the system is rather repugnant to Britishers, but we imagine that it will be many years yet before passports are wholly done away with, even if that time ever comes. We have a right to expect, however, that in times of peace the restrictions shall be as little irksome as possible.

Small-pox Problem.

The figures given by the President of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon, revealing the proportion of dumped bodies of small-pox victims to cases of the disease reported to the authorities in the required manner, call for very serious consideration. The epidemic first showed itself in October last year, and in the three months since, 666 cases have come to the knowledge of the M.O.H. more than seventy-five per cent. of which have been diagnosed after death. According to the official statement, no fewer than 478 bodies have been found in the street, dumped by relatives, a circumstance which cannot be regarded as other than alarming, since it is fairly obvious that the returns issued weekly by the health authorities are by no means an accurate index of the malignity of the epidemic. It is also probable that the dumping of bodies has not a little to do with the failure of the strong precautionary measures, notably the vaccination campaign, of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, to bring about a check in the spread of the malady. We are bound to confess that it seems like beating one's head against a brick-wall to attempt to persuade the uneducated Chinese populace to play the game by their neighbours. The difficulty to be overcome, we believe, is to convince them in the first place that small-pox is any more serious than, for instance, measles. Experience has demonstrated that fatalities among the Chinese are likely to be of lesser incidence, proportionately, than among Europeans, and the result too often seems to be that the Chinese are prepared to allow the disease to take its course in the confines of their tenement homes. The concession which the M.O.H. indicated a readiness to grant was, therefore, a wise one, provided those directly concerned would report the occurrence of the cases. There is, however, the prejudice against Western methods of treatment and prevention to be overcome, and in this matter, we have every sympathy with the local health authorities. The only solution, and it would involve a gigantic task, would appear to be a house-to-house search for unreported cases, which we fear must run into hundreds.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 22.

Paris	124.10
New York	48.41/32
Brussels	34.91
Geneva	35.22
Amsterdam	12.90 1/2
Berlin	18.14
Stockholm	18.15 1/2
Copenhagen	18.15 1/2
Oslo	18.15 1/2
Vienna	34.52
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	102 1/2
Madrid	29.05
Lisbon	210
Athens	875
Bucharest	808
Rio	529/32
Buenos Aires	477/16
Bombay	1/6 1/2
Shanghai	2/0 1/2
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
Silver (spot)	23 1/2
Silver (forward)	23 1/2

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

THE POOREST EDUCATION THAT
TEACHES SELF-CONTROL IS BETTER
THAN THE BEST THAT NEGLECTS IT.
—Sterling.

H.M.S. Suffolk arrived in Hongkong yesterday afternoon from Shanghai.

H.M.S. Cumberland left Port Swettenham on Tuesday and arrived at Malacca on the same day.

Ten further Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday, of which seven were from Kowloon districts.

The Captain Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for services rendered on the occasion of the recent Shaukiwan fire.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 21 arrivals and 16 departures of which 11 and four respectively were British, leaving 63 vessels in port, British 26.

It is understood that the a.s. Areas arriving from the north has been placed in quarantine, owing to a small-pox case having been reported on board.

From Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., we have received an extremely well-produced calendar issued by the E. & A. Line. The scene is from a painting of Hongkong Harbour by Rhys Williams.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. G. F. Hole, four mistresses of harbour boats were charged with mooring their craft inside Causeway Bay Shelter without permission and pleading guilty, were severally fined \$5.

Pleading guilty to a charge of importing 34 gallons of Chinese spirits, a boatman who was arrested with wine in his possession in the Yaumati typhoon shelter, was fined \$480 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Asia to-day were Sir Frederick and Lady Whyte, Mr. Avenol, Mrs. S. Berg, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Shaw, Major A. M. Thompson, Mr. R. W. Wedderburn, Mr. William Heughan, Miss Gladys Sayer and Miss M. Bell.

The Hon. Joint Treasurers of the Organising Committee of the University Women's Hostel beg to acknowledge with thanks a donation of \$1,000 from Mrs. J. M. Alves as a subscription for the cost of one bed-room study in the proposed Hostel.

An order was made by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning, for the confiscation of nine .38 Smith & Wesson rounds of ammunition and one magazine, which were retrieved from the bed of the harbour near the a.s. Benveniste on Monday afternoon by Revenue officer, Tallon.

Fred Coyne's Musical Comedy Company gave another bright and snappy performance of "Keep Moving" at the Star Theatre last night, the various numbers in this attractive revue being much enjoyed. To-night there will be a change of programme, "Blue Birds" being the bill of fare offered.

A Chinese, who was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning with returning from banishment, said that he was told that the term of deportation was only ten years, and not for life, as stated in the charge. The defendant, who was banished in 1919, was remanded for 24 hours for the warrant of deportation to be proved.

The Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, in his private chapel on January 22, licensed the Rev. George Kingsford Carpenter, M.A., B.Sc., to officiate in his diocese. The Rev. G. K. Carpenter is a late scholar of Trinity College, Dublin, and for the past six years has been an assistant master at Trinity College, Fochow, in the diocese of Fuchien. He is now serving as an assistant master at St. Stephen's Boys' College, Hongkong.

Arrangements for an excellent repeat have been made by Mr. P. Hing Kee, the manager of the Hotel Savoy, for the annual dinner of the St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association, which takes place in the College Hall this evening when it is expected about 200 old students will sit down to dinner. The Hall has been tastefully decorated with green and white bunting, the colours being those of the College. Mr. M. Baptista has been responsible for the decorations. Music will be supplied by the Serenaders while a concert will follow the dinner. Advantage will be taken to congratulate the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the President of the Association, on the honour recently conferred on him by his appointment to the Legislative Council.

PIRACY CHARGE
FAILS.ACQUITTAL AT CRIMINAL
SESSIONS.

The case against Ho Fu charged with having pirated a fishing junk was concluded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, when the accused was found not guilty. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., defended.

His Lordship, in summing up, reminded the jury that it was always well, in cases where there was serious conflict of evidence, to start with facts that were most clear. The jury would agree that there had been hard lying either on one side or the other.

Touching upon the identification parade, his Lordship said that the jury need not pay any attention to that part of the evidence. In the first place it was obvious that it was not conducted in accordance with the rules, and secondly all the witnesses had said that they knew the prisoner. There were also opportunities of the prisoner being seen while in custody by witnesses before the parade took place. As far as the prosecution was concerned no importance could be paid to it.



BY FABYAN MATHEY.

S-K-10-3
H-None
D-1
C-7NORTH
WEST
EAST
SOUTH
S-5-4
H-1-5
D-None
C-None

Diamonds are trumps and South has the lead. North and South must win four of the five tricks.

Lay out the cards on a table, as shown in the diagram, and study the situation. See if you can find a method of play that will net North and South four tricks.

The Solution.
It would seem after glancing at this puzzle that North and South must certainly lose two tricks—either a heart and a spade or a club and a spade. But the spade trick need not be lost.

South leads the jack of hearts, West covers with the ace, and North trumps. North then leads a low spade which South wins with the queen. South now leads his low heart, North discards his annoying seven of clubs, and East must unfortunately win the trick. East must then lead a spade from his jack-nine to North's king-ten. If West does not cover the opening heart lead, North discards either his club or a spade—and the rest is very easy. But if a low heart is opened and trumped, any return lead by North will eventually give East and West two tricks. The spade lead is equally futile, as is letting the low heart go through at the first trick.

LA ARGENTINA.

COMING VISIT TO HONGKONG.

Have you ever imagined that there is music in the castanets and that they are able to reflect moods?

If you do not believe it, go to see La Argentina dance and hear her play on the little pieces of wood. She fingers them as one does the keys of a piano. Of course the basic tone does not change, but you get the idea that it does, with the extensive range of dynamic gradations and subtle and delicate rhythmic variety coaxed from the castanets by La Argentina.

As to her dancing, it is a living expression of music and of that much abused conception, the poetry of motion. She uses only piano pieces for her accompaniments and they are the best by Albeniz, Gramos, Yradier, De Falla and the other modern Spanish composers.

Argentina dances Spanish music as the most gifted pianists play it, with nuance, exquisite suggestion and sensitiveness, and shimmering colour. Her boleros, tangos, and seguidillas are to those of other Spanish dancers as a symphony orchestra is to a band of mandolins and guitars.

La Argentina will make one appearance only in Hongkong on Friday, February 15th, at the Theatre Royal. She is the greatest attraction that Mr. Strok has ever brought to the Colony.

The Very Idea!

The atmosphere at Shoreditch County-court recently was distinctly chilly, and although the radiators were warm they produced little perceptible heat except in their immediate vicinity. Prominently displayed on Judge Cluer's right was a thermometer, and on his left was a fireplace with no fire in it.

The Judge (looking at the thermometer): I am afraid the caretaker has got the temperature up to 45! And I believe it is getting colder. As I received an abusive letter this morning, telling me I am in a state of senile decay, I have no doubt that these conditions will accelerate the process.

Mr. L. Green, a barrister: Can your honour give instructions for the fire to be lighted?

The Judge: Certainly, if you like, and you can come up here and sit in front of it.

[Judge Cluer was 76 a week previously.]

The engaging subject of the stage kiss was discreetly dealt with by Mr. L. Oppenheimer in a Manchester address on acting.

The opportunities of study from nature in this respect, he pointed out, were rare, but its proper accomplishment could, in the most serious sense, be a ladylike accomplishment. The player who had not learned how to kiss, or to put her hand on the shoulder had neglected a most necessary part of technique. There was no reason why young players should feel shy, and just as lovers at rehearsals at times wore an expression of suffering, so a stage quarrel was sometimes rehearsed in the greatest good temper and with the broadest of grins.

This recalls the story of the third-rate Italian opera company touring the smaller towns of Canada. Among the audience was an Italian, who rejoiced to hear his native tongue once again.

He did nothing, however, but laugh throughout the opening heavy tragedy. The reason, he explained, was that the singers, thinking no one knew Italian in the audience, were arguing as to who would foot the laundry bill that week, while they were "dying" on the stage.

To-day's Dog Story.—"I had a very intelligent black retriever," writes "J. H. S." "She always accompanied me on my afternoon walks. Sunday afternoon we spent in the garden. One Sunday when walking round I noticed that the wasps were badly attacking the peaches, so I picked the ripe ones and placed them in the greenhouse. The following day I saw the dog taking the remaining peaches from the tree one by one, placing them very carefully and unharmed on the floor of the greenhouse, which was some distance away."

[It is complained that those who count large quantities of the new bank-notes find the ink come off on their fingers.]

It is said that if you count Bank-notes to a large amount (Notes of the new kind, I mean, which are either brown or green)

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Better value for our money, So to grouse is rather funny. I am sure I should not mind, Inconvenience of the kind, Though my hands were badly soiled,

And my sweet complexion spoiled, If they were but my, not your, notes, I should simply ask for more notes, Anyone who feels disgusted With a bank-note need not thrust it.

In the W. F. B. Better send it on to me. I can always find a fit And appropriate use for it.

The successful man had just fitted up a beautiful country house, and the library was provided with an expensive parquet floor of which the owner was very careful.

An old friend, who had lost a leg, in place of which he wore a wooden one, went to see him. The host was glad to see his friend and he hurried into the library, where he was horrified to find his guest stamping around the precious floor on a tour of inspection.

Finally he breathed a gentle hint "Henry, hadn't you better keep well on the rug? I am afraid you might fall."

"Oh, that's all right," Henry reassured him. "I shan't fall. There's a good spike on the end of the old peg, you know!"

It is advertised that the 109th Ordinary meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., will be held at the Office of the Company, 4a, Des Voeux Road Central, on Tuesday, February 19, at 11 a.m.

WALNUTS USED IN GAGGING.**ARMED ROBBERY SEQUEL AT THE SESSIONS.****PARADE CRITICISED.**

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, a Chinese named Chun Tak-chen pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery by two or more, the alleged offence taking place on December 26, when three men entered the shop of a hemp bag merchant and stole money, jewelry and clothing.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith appeared for the Crown, prisoner being defended by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.

Opening the case, Mr. Whyte Smith said that about seven o'clock on December 26 the master of a hemp shop at West Point was in the accountant's room with a nephew and a fook. There was another fook in the kitchen at the back. Three men entered the shop, and it was the Crown's case that one of the men was the prisoner, who was carrying a revolver or pistol.

The men said they were searching for arms and after tying up the four occupants of the shop and also a woman who had gone in and gagging them with walnuts, asked for the keys of the safes. The master produced the key of one safe, from which the men took \$17. They accepted his explanation that the keys of another safe were not in his possession, and after taking nine dollars, a coat and a wrist watch, left the shop.

The following day, one of the fooks was with a detective when he saw the prisoner in Queen's Road Central and pointed him out as having taken part in the robbery.

Mr. Whyte Smith added that the master would not be able to identify the man, but the nephew would. When going on to give details of an identification parade, Mr. Alabaster interjected and said he would have something to say about that at the proper time, as the parade was one of the most unsatisfactory which it had been his lot to consider.

The case is proceeding.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. DAY SCHOOL.**TO-DAY'S PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY.**

The annual graduation and prize-giving of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Day School, was held in the big hall of the Y.M.C.A. this afternoon. The chair was taken by Mr. J. D. Bush, M.A., the vice-president of the Y.M.C.A.

The report of the school for the year just closing was presented by Mr. Cheung Kung-sung, the assistant headmaster, who has been in charge of the school during the past year in the absence of the headmaster Mr. J. L. McPherson. The enrollment is limited to 220 students owing to the capacity of the rooms. The attendance and attention, the health of the students and their attainments during the year have met the expectation of their master. The school has given special consideration to the teaching of Chinese, has emphasized character development, and has given attention to sound health, through exercise and right habits. It has had a happy enthusiastic body of young students throughout its history, and never more than in the year just closing.

Following the report of the headmaster, a Mandarin address was given by Cheung Piu-yung, a lad of twelve years.

The certificates were awarded by Mr. K. L. Chau, M.A., the President of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. There were eight graduates of the Chinese and English course, who are now ready to enter the fourth form of the Middle Schools of the Colony. Eight others were given certificates for the completion of Primary work. An address was given and prizes were awarded by Mr. Yu Wan, Inspector of Vernacular Schools. Among the prizes, the one for character and efficiency was awarded to Leung Yun-sum, who by vote of all the students, is considered as best started on the road to a useful life. Eight prizes were awarded for character, and eight, in each of four forms, for scholarship. There were two youthful winners of special trophies, and nine who won athletic trophies.

The chairman remarked on the very diversified educational opportunities offered in the Colony, to which the Chinese Y.M.C.A. is making its distinct contribution through the preparatory courses of its Day School.

The coal output from mines in Britain for the week ended December 15 was 5,350,200 tons, as compared with 5,153,400 tons for the previous week, and the number of wage earners 898,100.

CANTON CEMENT EXEMPTED.**NOT TO BE SUBJECT TO TAXATION.****OFFICIAL DECISION.**

In accordance with a dispatch from the Department of Reconstruction, the Department of Finance has issued a circular instruction to all the tax collectorates, including the Collectorate of Tax on Cement of Foreign Origin, as well as to the tax farmers under its control, ordering them to exempt all cement produced in Canton from taxation.

In its despatch, says the *Canton Gazette*, the Department of Reconstruction quoted a petition submitted thereto by Mr. Wong Yuk-shing, Superintendent of the Cement Factory, in which he requested that the cement produced by his factory be exempted from payment of all taxes and fees in accordance with Article No. 8 of the regulations governing the establishment of the Cement Factory under the joint management of officials and merchants.

These regulations were approved by the Provincial Government Council, and Branch Political Council as a result of discussions at their respective meetings.

As the time is drawing near when the cement factory will put up its cement for sale to the public, the above-mentioned superintendent has requested the Department of Reconstruction to arrange for the exemption of all fees and duties on cement produced by the factory in order to avoid detention of the same by the custom stations and tax collectorates through misunderstanding.

HEUGHAN'S FAREWELL RECITAL.**ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION LAST NIGHT.**

Willis Heughan again demonstrated to Hongkong lovers of vocal music what an unusual artist he is, on the occasion of his farewell concert at the Theatre Royal last night. The audience, although not large, was treated to a rich feast from his remarkably extensive repertoire, many of the items rendered being by special request.

His highly dramatic treatment of "Il Lacerato Spirito," from Verdi's somewhat obscure opera, "Simon Boccanegra," evoked enthusiastic applause for the opening number, and thence onwards, his listeners were captivated by his exceptionally fine voice, and, if we may say so, his unique artistry.

Many songs were sung, and perhaps "The Volga Boatman," "The Song of the Flea," and "Widdicombe Fair," proved the most popular. "The Song of the Viking Guest" and Schumann's "Two Grenadiers" were invested with a most impressive feeling, being heartily applauded. Other songs of the popular style included "John Peel," "Because I Were Shy," that droll little Irish ballad, "The Mountains of Mourne," "The Road to the Isles," and several others.

Maud Bell gave of her best in a number of cello solos. Kreisler's Liebesleid, Minuet, (Beethoven) Faure's "Elegy," "Butterflies" (Hamilton Hearty) and a plaintive nocturne by the New Zealand cellist, Trowell, being among her best offerings.

At the piano, Gladys Sayer played beautifully in the dual role of accompanist and soloist. Her work, too, came in for a generous measure of approval from the audience.

Altogether, the concert was a great success, it being but rarely that Hongkong has the opportunity of hearing such a talented trio.

ONLY RUSSIAN Y.M.C.A.**THE SECRETARY LEAVES HONGKONG.**

Leaving by the Empress of Asia to-day for Shanghai were Mr. A. A. Grizoff, Secretary of the Russian Y.M.C.A. in Harbin, and Mr. Chong Fu-liang, formerly professor of science in Yale-in-China at Changsha. Mr. Grizoff has been studying the Y.M.C.A. in China, Manila and Hongkong for about two months and now returns to his post in Harbin, which is at present the only Russian Y.M.C.A. to be found in the world.

Prof. Chang is now one of the secretaries of the National Christian Council of China. He has been conferring with church leaders and rural missionaries in and about Canton on the programme of the church for country places. A graduate in agriculture and in forestry, with degrees from Yale and from the University of Georgia, and himself a product of rural China, he is studying from the inside the problems of Chinese rural families.

OPIUM SCANDAL SEQUEL.**GARRISON COMMANDER HINTS AT NANKING DECISION.****WHO'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

Shanghai, Jan. 22. General Hsiung Shih-huei, the Commander of the Chinese Garrison, who figured prominently in the recent opium scandal returned from Nanking to-day after a conference with Marshal Kai-shek and Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the President of the Judicial Yuan.

General Hsiung unofficially stated that before long the Judicial Council will announce their findings regarding the opium scandal, and that the Chief of the Intelligence Department of the Garrison, Fu Chao-sen, is likely to be punished for taking matters in his own hands in arresting officers of the Police.

The Chief of Police, Tai Shieh-to, will probably be censured for the nature of his report to the Nanking authorities.

It will be recalled that immediately after the discovery of the smuggling, General Hsiung Shih-huei indulged in an attack on the Chief of the Chinese Police.

Mutual accusations and recriminations followed, leading to the suspension of the Chief of Police.

Some of the seamen arrested in connexion with the affair were tried in Shanghai and found guilty, but the trial of the police officers and Garrison officials took place at Nanking before the Judicial Council.

Regarding the future of the Shanghai Garrison, General Hsiung Shih-huei states that the National Government is devoting a sum of \$700,000 for the construction of military quarters.

CORRESPONDENCE.**PEAK TRAM TIMES.**

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I notice that the Peak Tramway Co. are making a practice of advancing and retarding their clocks, which makes it very inconvenient for the public who use their trams.

Last night I had an unpleasant surprise when I discovered that the Tramway clocks were advanced five minutes. I was making for the last tram; at about three minutes to twelve I entered the foot of Garden Road and saw the green light. Thinking that it had just gone on, I took my time, but alas! I hadn't gone many paces when the red light appeared, so I had to run, and just managed to catch the tram.

In the ordinary way I would have put it down to my watch going back on me, but I took special note of the time when I arrived at the top tram station. I also compared the tram time with four other clocks at home and found that they were all five minutes slow! So I adjusted them accordingly. This morning, Sir, would you believe it, thinking that I had timed myself nicely, I arrived at the tram station seven minutes too soon! The Peak Tramway Co.'s clocks had been put back!

Don't you think that the Tramway Co. might attend to this? Or are they trying to kill the public by making them run?—Yours, etc., REVELLER.

THE DISBANDMENT PROPOSALS.**MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM HEADS NEW DEPARTMENT.****NAVY NEXT IN LIST.**

Shanghai, Jan. 23. At the 5th main session of the Military Disbandment Conference yesterday afternoon, many important reports from the Proposal Examination Committee were presented. These included reports by Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, Yen Hsi-shan and General Ho Ying-ching. After the reports had been formally read, resolutions on regulations for reorganisation were lengthily discussed.

A Disbandment Standing Committee has been nominated and will be formally appointed as soon as the Central Council has approved at the next meeting. This Committee includes Mr. Wu Chih-tai, General Tan Yin-kai, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Feng Yu-hsiang, Yen Hsi-shan, Chang Hsueh-shang and Li Chai-sum, Admiral Young Shih-chwang, Mr. T. Y. Soong and General Li Chung-yeu.

It has also been decided that the Disbandment Department in Nanking will comprise four offices besides the Standing Committee in order to take charge of all disbandment affairs.

The appointment of directors of the four offices will probably include the following:—Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, Director of Disbanded Soldier Disposal Office; Marshal Li Chai-sum, Director of General Affairs Office; General Li Chung-yeu, Disbandment Office; Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Finance Office.

Proposals regarding the disbandment of superfluous naval forces were also decided on, and after the Ministry of Navy is abolished a Navy Disbandment Office will be formed to proceed with further schemes by the Disbandment Conference in reorganising the naval forces of the whole country.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

BANK OF EAST ASIA.**DIVIDED AND BONUS DECLARED.**

The Directors of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., announce that, subject to audit, the profit for the year ending 31st December, 1928, after writing off all charges and making provisions for depreciation, bad and doubtful debts, and including the balance of \$404,641.69 brought forward from 1927, amounts to \$1,230,633.35, which the Directors propose to deal with at the forthcoming annual meeting as follows:

To pay a dividend of \$6 per share on 50,000 shares, absorbing \$300,000.

To pay a bonus of \$2 per share on 50,000 shares, absorbing \$100,000.

To transfer to Reserve, \$300,000.

To pay a bonus to Directors, Holders of Founder shares and the staff, \$78,898.76.

To write off Furniture and Fixtures, \$49,984.85.

To carry forward, \$401,749.74.

The local weather forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast; some drizzle or mist.

CHINESE TWICE "EXECUTED."**"DEAD" ROBBER WHO CAME TO LIFE.****SHOT SECOND TIME.**

Shanghai, Jan. 17. An interesting story is related by the Chinese of how a man, found guilty of armed robbery and murder, was "executed" and how he came back to life, of his subsequently discovery and his re-execution.

Wong Nan-ping is how we shall describe him. It appears that he was a member of a large gang, who have been operating along the Shanghai Nanking Railway for some time past and who have been making a perfect nuisance of themselves. Acting on information received, the Wushu police raided a house in that city and arrested Wong and some others. In spite of his pleas of innocence, his comrades insisted that he was one of the leading spirits of the gang and evidence given against Wong was such that the authorities decided to execute him instantly.

Among the crowd were a number of Wong's friends, who apparently had made certain arrangements, though there is nothing to prove that they did.

Shot Through Head.

Wong was taken out to the execution ground, an attempt to blindfold him was spurned, a request that he should kneel down was met with a response that he would kneel to nobody, and a statement was made that he preferred to face death like a man.

A pistol was placed against his head, an inch or so below the temple and fired. Wrong fell to the ground, apparently dead.

His friends provided a coffin and permission was granted them to remove the body. A farmer whose home had been robbed by Wong's gang decided to make sure that the man was dead. A little medicine was thrown about the air and Wong was seen to move. The body had not hardened when it was placed in the coffin. Little facts like those did not escape the attention of this "ignorant" farmer.

A Dramatic Encounter.

He applied for permission to carry the "corpse" to a junk and later, disguising himself, won over the captain of the vessel into taking him as a member of the crew. He was passed over by Wong's many friends.

The vessel weighed anchor and left Wushu for Soochow.

At a surgical theatre in a Soochow hospital a bullet was extracted from the roof of Wong's mouth. He was taken to a private ward, where the farmer watched him unnoticed.

Some days later, Wong was met on the streets of Soochow by the farmer accompanied by several policemen.

"That's the man," the farmer cried shrilly. "That's the man who was executed and is still alive."

Wong was placed under arrest again and sent back to Wushu for inquiries. A new judgment was filed against Wong and he was again sentenced to death.

The authorities this time made sure that he was dead. The farmer is happy, for he has avenged his people. He was rewarded and has now enough money to buy a couple of farms.

SUI TAI REBUILT. AFTER FIRE.**RETURNING TO THE MACAO RUN.**

In consequence of the introduction of the rebuilt s.s. Sui Tai, of the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, to the Macao run, the following changes and appointments are announced and have already taken effect.

Mr. R. Stewart from mate of s.s. Taishan to master of s.s. Sui Tai; Mr. Keene from second officer of s.s. Kinsan, to mate of s.s. Sui Tai; Mr. T. Harmon remains in the s.s. Sui Tai as Chief Engineer.

Mr. W. Spence, late of the s.s. Charles Hardouin, has been appointed second officer of s.s. Lungshan, Mr. G. Best replacing him as mate in the former vessel, while Mr. Lake, late second officer of s.s. Lungshan, has been appointed mate of s.s. Taishan.

Mr. McCaw, late mate of s.s. Kong Ning, has been appointed as second officer of s.s. Kinsan.

It is understood that the s.s. Sui Tai is scheduled to sail for Macao on Sunday at 9 a.m. and will carry out her final trials on Friday on the completion of which she will be berthed at the Wing Lok Street Wharf.

The vessel, it will be recalled, was burned almost to the water's edge in a fire last year.

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TESTIFIES ABOUT THE GREAT BENEFITS OF POO ON UNDER OATH ON THE WITNESS STAND.

Modesto Woman Tells About The Help She Got From Poo On Chinese Herbs In The Justice's Court Of Modesto, Calif., U.S.A.

Mrs. H. L. Perry, residing at 1025, Washington Street, on the witness stand in the Justice's Court Modesto township, County of Stanislaus, State of California, testified some time ago as to the great benefits of the Poo On Chinese Herbs. Sworn under oath to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, Mrs. Perry stated that she had been suffering from nervous indigestion for several years and had been to many doctors, but none were able to help her. Through a lady friend she heard of Poo On Chinese Herbs and decided to consult the Herbalist.

MRS. PERRY SAYS:

"The benefits and help that the Poo On Chinese Herbs have brought into my family are more than I can ever repay. The health and happiness that these herbs have brought into my home is more than I can express in words.

For years I suffered with nervous indigestion. Every time I would eat my stomach would fill with gas and I would be in a distressed condition for several hours. I had headaches and was drowsy. At times I was unable to do my work and had to go to bed. I doctored with many physicians for years, but none was able to do me any good, and as time went on I became worse and more discouraged. My husband has spent several hundreds of dollars for doctors and medicines and all failed to bring me any relief.

"Through a friend I heard of the Poo On Chinese Herbs. I was doubtful but hearing of the many cures that these herbs had brought about I decided to go. The results of the Poo On Chinese Herbs astonished me. After a few doses I began to notice a vast difference in the condition of my stomach and my general health. I continued to take the herbs and in a short time I was completely cured. Since that time I have gained steadily in weight and can now eat anything and all that I want without the least distress. I can truthfully say that I feel better now than I have in years, and I credit it all to the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

CHILD SNATCHED FROM DEATH BY POO ON CHINESE HERBS.

"Probably the greatest help that the Poo On Chinese Herbs brought about in my home was in the case of my baby boy Robert when he was a year and a half old.

"Shortly after having the measles he was stricken with pneumonia. For three weeks he coughed continually and laid in a stupor most of the time. A local doctor, after trying to help the boy during this time, told us that if the child was to recover it would be necessary to operate upon his lungs and have the pus drained off. My husband and I did not know what to do. The child was in a deplorable condition and had lost so much weight that you wouldn't recognize him. We could not see how he could undergo an operation in the condition that he was in. We had really given up all hopes for him and many of the neighbors gave up hope of his recovery. Knowing what the Poo On Chinese Herbs did for me and my other boy, Royle, we consulted the herbalist and were given some Poo On Chinese Herbs for the boy.

Imagine our joy and gratitude when the child began to improve and in three days was able to get out of bed and walk about a little. We continued with the herbs and the child was soon in a normal condition and completely cured. He gained all the weight that he lost and to-day is a well and happy little fellow. The neighbors are still remarking on the remarkable recovery by the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

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DUMPED BODIES.

STATEMENT AT THE SANITARY BOARD.

Questions on the small-pox epidemic with particular reference to a recent statement by Dr. Pope, were asked by Dr. W. V. M. Koch at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

During the recent case at the Magistracy when a Chinese was charged with failing to report a case of small-pox in his home, the Medical Officer of Health stated that some ten years ago the Sanitary Board ruled, and the Governor-in-Council agreed, that cases might be nursed at home, provided that everybody in the house was vaccinated and a notice put up on the front door showing that there was a case of small-pox in the house. It was further stated that the Board was still willing to allow these cases to be treated at home, provided the public would play up and report the occurrence of such cases.

Before putting his questions at yesterday's meeting of the Board, Dr. Koch said he regretted that Dr. Pope was not present because it was due to his remarks that the questions were being asked. The President replied that he had been authorised by Dr. Pope (who is on leave) to reply.

Precautions Taken.

Dr. Koch asked: "Will the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pope, say whether the statement attributed to him in a recent prosecution for failure to notify a case of small-pox is correct, namely that such cases may be treated in their own houses provided the contacts are vaccinated and the case notified?"

The President replied in the affirmative.

Dr. Koch also asked: "If this be so, what, if any, precautions are taken as regards the people in the immediate neighbourhood? Are they compulsorily vaccinated?"

The reply was: "The Medical Officer of Health applies Section 16 of the Ordinance of 1923—that is to say, he requires the unvaccinated to be vaccinated forthwith under pain of being detained in quarantine."

Dr. Koch: "It was stated that the Sanitary Board permitted such procedure—vide Question 1. If this is so, when and under what circumstances was the Board influenced to allow this?"

The reply was: "By its resolution dated 15th October 1918. The circumstances which dictated this resolution were, no doubt, the occurrence of a severe epidemic of small-pox presenting similar features to the present epidemic."

Isolation Impossible.

Dr. Koch: "In such cases can the Medical Officer of Health satisfy himself that danger of spread can be averted especially in crowded localities and tenement houses, and can efficient and proper means of isolation be adopted among the poorer classes in the community?"

The President: "I am advised that efficient and proper isolation in a tenement house is quite impossible; any person remaining there while suffering from small-pox presents a grave danger to contacts direct and indirect who have not rendered themselves immune by vaccination."

Dr. Koch: "In the case of a foreigner suffering from small-pox is compulsory removal to an isolation hospital insisted upon?"

The reply was: "In the few cases—three—in which a European has contracted the disease the Medical Officer of Health has had prompt notification and the patient has been immediately removed to an isolation hospital."

Nurses Isolated.

Dr. Koch: "Are the nurses and staff in the Kennedy Town Hospital strictly isolated and forbidden to leave the compound except for a walk along Jubilee Road, and also forbidden to mix with the community. If so, why is such strict isolation insisted upon in their case?"

The President: "The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services authorises me to reply 'Yes'. In order to avoid the risk of carrying infection from their patients."

Dumped Bodies.

Dr. Koch: "How many cases have been dumped, and how many concealed cases discovered? Can a statement be given of the cases dumped weekly compared with the cases notified?"

The following figures were given:

	Dumped.	Concd.	Notfd.
October 1928	17	Nil	21
November "	70	7	109
December "	249	18	340
To January 17	142	8	205
Total	478	23	665

Dr. Koch asked if the dumped cases were the bodies of children

HOSPITAL COMFORTS.

FUNDS OF EXTINGUISHED LOCAL COMMITTEE DIVIDED.

The Emergency Hospitals having been closed and the Hospital Ship Maine and the Hospital Transport Assaye having left these waters, it was decided some months ago by the Hospital Comforts Committee to discontinue its functions. The accounts were accordingly closed.

A report was made to the British Red Cross Society as being the largest subscriber to the funds of the committee, and instructions were asked as to the disposition of the credit balance of \$1,719.23. At the same time the suggestion was made that the balance might be distributed in equal shares to the Naval and Military authorities for the purchase of such luxuries and comforts as are not ordinarily available to the Private or Seaman.

The British Red Cross Society concurred in this suggestion and the amount has therefore been thus divided, and due acknowledgment has been made by Captain W. W. Keir, R. N., on behalf of the Royal Naval Hospital and Colonel Bostock, R.A.M.C., Senior Medical Officer, South China Command.

The President replying that he was unable to say at the moment.

Last Week's Return.

The health return for the week ending January 19 shows that there were 91 cases of small-pox, 88 of which proved fatal.

Of the total reported, 89 were Chinese, including an imported case, the other two being Ceylonese and Indian respectively. Thirty-four cases came from Victoria, 56 from Kowloon and one from Shaukiwan.

There were five cases of enteric fever, three proving fatal. Two of these were British (one imported) and the other three Chinese, also including an imported case. The return also shows one fatal Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever, a German (imported) case of typhus fever and one Chinese case of puerperal fever.

The health return for the twenty-four hours ending January 21 shows 17 cases of small-pox, nine being from Victoria, seven from Kowloon and one from Shaukiwan. Sixteen cases were Chinese, the other being a British imported case. One Malay case of puerperal fever was also reported.

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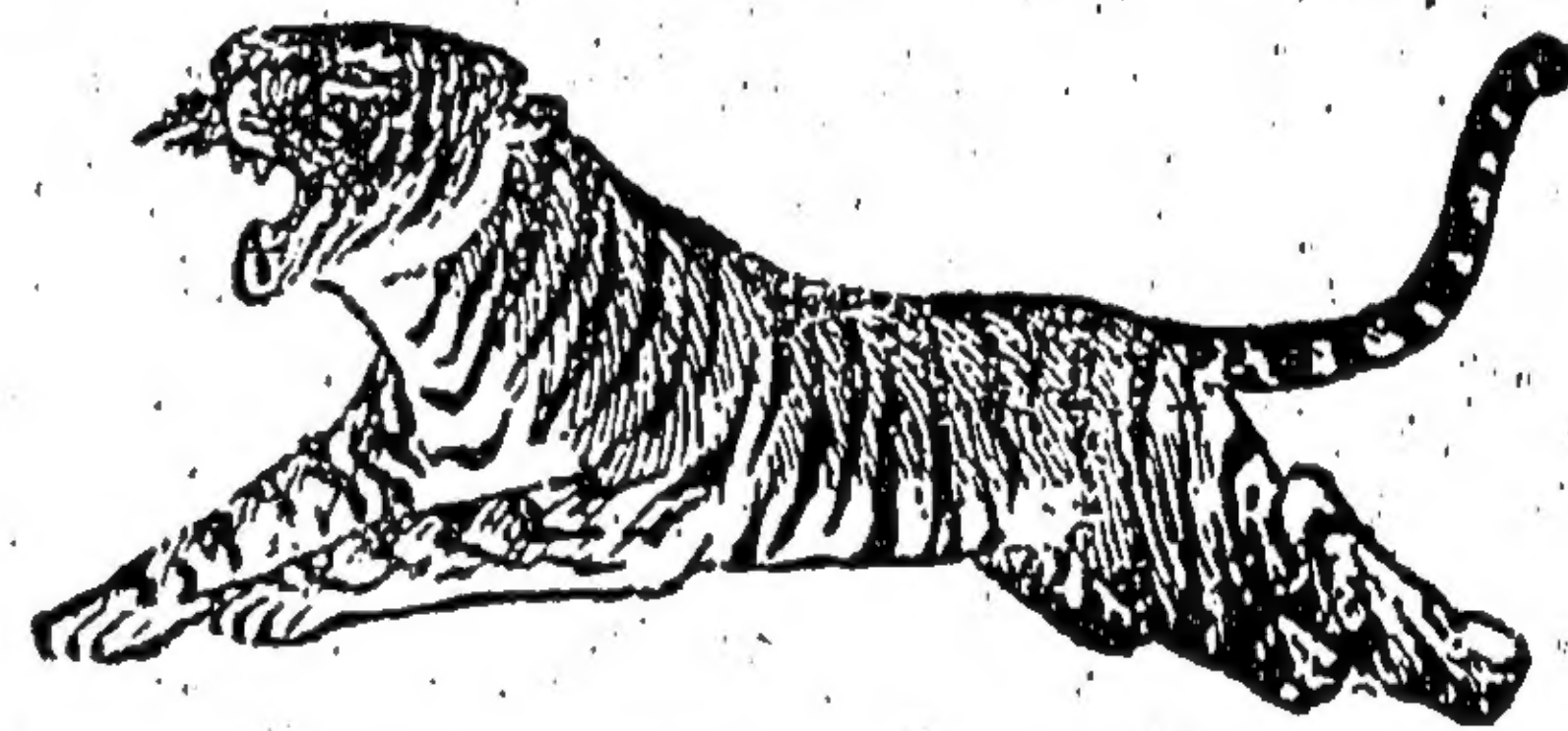
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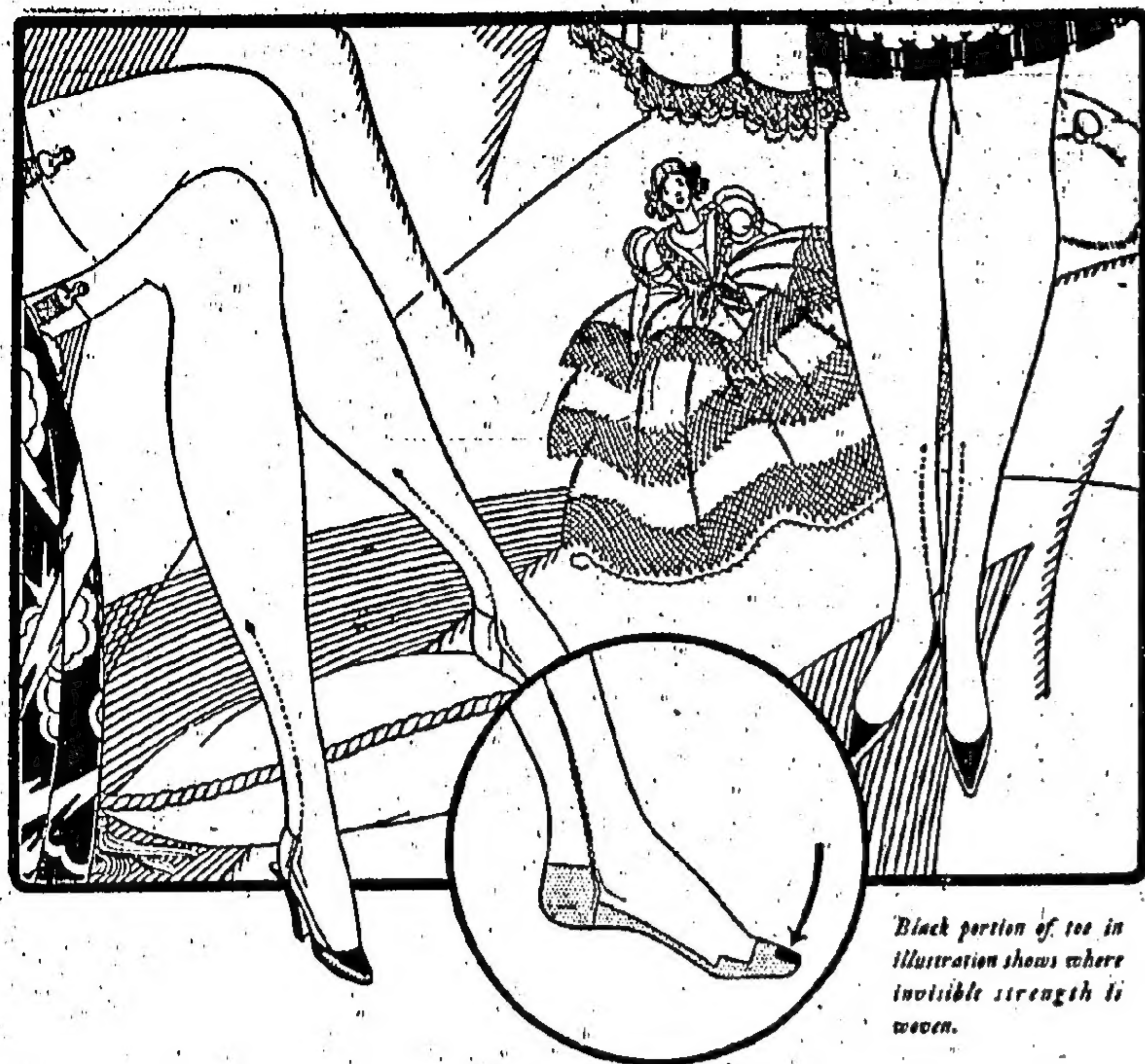
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IMPORTANT ASPECT OF SHORTAGE.

The congratulations of the Sanitary Board were yesterday tendered to the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao on their appointment as Unofficial members of the Legislative Council.

After the business of the Board had been completed the President, Mr. G. R. Sayer said it was the wish of the Board that he should express on its behalf congratulations to the two members who had been appointed to the Legislative Council.

They were members whose methods of rendering public service were in contrast, but while their methods were different it was obvious that they were directed to the same end—the well being of the Colony. (Applause).

Those present at yesterday's meeting were Mr. G. R. Sayer (President), Dr. H. A. Fawcett (Medical Officer of Health), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. W. V. M. Koch and Mr. J. Watson, Secretary.

Public Bath Houses.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin asked questions regarding the number of public bath houses in existence, their locality, hours of service etc, enquiring also whether the attention of the public, particularly the labour class, had been drawn to the existence of such conveniences.

The President replied that there were four bath houses and one being constructed at Boundary street, Shamshui-po. The latter is expected to be completed in about a month. The other four are located at Second Street, Sai Ying Pun, Pound Lane, Tai Ping Shan, Cross Lane, Wanchai, and Pakhoi Street, Yau-mat.

Hours of service were given as follows.—Second Street, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Pound Lane, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Cross Lane, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pakhoi Street, from 6 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. It was also stated that hot water is provided and that no fee is made for admission.

With regard to the question whether the attention of the public had been drawn to the existence of such conveniences, the President said, the bath houses were well known. He was not aware of any special notices being issued. During last year the bath houses were used by 1,144,277 people.

Water at New Year.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, pursuant to notice, asked: "In view of the approaching Chinese New Year when there is a general increase in house cleansing and in view of the shortage of water, will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly arrange to give better facilities, particularly to the occupants of upper storeys for obtaining water?"

The President replied: "I understand the member to refer to the practice by which the occupants of tenement houses undertake a special cleansing of their premises in preparation for the New Year; and not to the ordinary cleansing undertaken by the Board, which is customarily deferred during the New Year holidays."

I have referred to the Government the practicability of allowing a fuller supply during this period; and am authorized to say that a full supply will be allowed for the two days before Chinese New Year day and for Chinese New Year itself."

Sea Water For Drains.

Pursuant to notice Mr. Wong Kwong-tin also asked "In view of the scarcity of water, will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly arrange to utilise sea water for the purpose of washing drains and gutters, the cleansing of which must frequently be attended to in order to prevent offensive smells from being emitted?"

The President: "It is assumed the member refers to the Island of Hongkong. Sea water has long been used for this purpose, approximately 50 per cent of the flushing is done with sea water: 25 per cent with brackish water (drawn from a well at Western Market) and 25 per cent with nullah water. A small quantity of main water is used in the East end of the town; none in Centre or West. All side channels are thoroughly washed down weekly and all in and below Queen's Road west of Garden Road twice a week."

In consideration of their services in connexion with the return of the Prince of Wales from East Africa, the crew of H.M. Enterprise have been granted three days' additional leave.

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MORE ROBBERIES.

KOWLOON EUROPEANS AS VICTIMS.

Two reports regarding thefts of articles belonging to European residents of Kowloon were made to the Water Police yesterday.

Mrs. E. H. Locke, the wife of an American Petty Officer, residing at No. 4, Victoria Gardens, reported that some time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. yesterday, while she was out shopping, someone entered her bedroom and stole clothing, a string of jade beads, a gold fountain pen and an ivory medallion, the total value being \$125.

Another theft was reported by Mr. E. P. Fletcher, of Harbour View, Chatham Road. It would appear that between midnight and seven o'clock yesterday morning, while Mr. Fletcher was asleep, someone entered the room and got away with a wallet which contained \$10. The wallet was lying on a dressing table. The total value of the haul was \$16.

ADMIRAL KATO.

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CHAPTER VIII (Continued).

Myra Gayle had, after much argument and protest from her fiancé, accepted an invitation to spend the autumn in Scotland with the friends whose party she had joined for the cruise in Norway. The Sparlings had rented the shooting box of a friend of Mr. Sparling's somewhere in Inverness-shire, and were inviting a few guests for the shooting and fishing, some of them eligible bachelors and some of two girls, Myra being amongst the latter: for the Sparlings, being young people themselves, liked to gather a merry party round them.

Now it is very probable that, had Myra merely spoken of the invitation as having been given because she had mentioned how much she wished to visit the Highlands and her friend had promised that if they decided to go to Scotland they would ask her to join them, John would not have raised the objection he did to her going.

But like many others of her sex who, to test their powers, delight in making their lovers jealous, she was constantly harping upon the other invited guests, particularly the aforesaid eligible bachelors, their wealth, position, and other attractions, and hoping that the amusing and interesting addition to the Norway party would again be included in the invitation to Scotland, until her fiancé, who had borne all her teasing with exemplary patience, was goaded at last into declaring that he was sick of the fellow's very name, and that if she couldn't choose a more interesting topic of conversation he would take his departure and leave her to dream of the absent Adonis in peace.

"Jack hates my going away," Myra confided to Elizabeth. The girls were fairly good friends, the former being a little afraid of her fiancé's ward, and Elizabeth tolerating her for John's sake—their jealousy of possible admirers, and thinks I shall flirt with all the men of the party—so silly of him! Of course I mean to enjoy myself, why shouldn't I? One can only be young and pretty once."

"John isn't like other people," was the reply, "he wouldn't go away and flirt and enjoy himself, as you mean to do, he is far too fond of you."

"Well, I'm fond of him—if I wasn't I shouldn't have accepted him, because I should never do for a poor man's wife and have to grub along on nothing a year."

"John wouldn't let his wife 'grub along' as you call it," was the reply, "he doesn't like doing that himself. He likes everything nice about him, and he has always had it, I am sure."

"Oh, yes, I daresay, but I should like to get away from Shrimpton and have a nice home in London, and plenty of servants and a car, and—all that."

"Well, I hope you'll get them, that's all," Elizabeth said in her blunt fashion, "but if I were your fiancé I should chuck you—right away, and get someone else who would appreciate me, not what I had, and she walked away, but not before she heard Myra say: 'Perhaps you would like to be the someone else yourself!'"

It was a random shot, and Elizabeth took no notice, consequently Myra was unaware how nearly she had hit the mark. But the shaft had gone home, and like a lightning flash John Sheldon's ward suddenly realised that she loved him with all the strength of her warm-hearted, generous, passionate nature, and that for her, with no hope of being loved in return, life would be a blank for her as long as she lived.

But Elizabeth was not one to wear her heart on her sleeve or pine away in secret over an unrequited love. She went on with her daily occupations as usual, and made herself so useful in the household at "Adenroft" that, though another maid had been added to the two who had formerly composed the domestic staff, Miss Sheldon often declared she could not imagine how she ever got on without her. Elizabeth had learnt to drive her car herself, and went for long rides alone, and Miss Sheldon distinctly disapproving, and showing it by refusing to enter the car except when the chauffeur was driving. John, however, had no such scruples, and allowed his ward to drive him to his office whenever bad weather made walking something to be avoided if possible.

So the weeks went on till September was passing to make way for the coming autumn days of October. But still, at present, summer was loth to go. In the "Adenroft" garden late roses still luxuriated by the arbour, and the place was gay with geraniums and tall hollyhocks, and the dainty flush of leaves which gave touches as bright as the flowers themselves.

Out in the open country reds and yellows and russet browns had taken the place of summer green in trees and hedges, but the glory of the autumn tints were dazzling still in their rich colouring, mingling with the dark green of firs and the gold of the maples, and the thrushes still sang on.

Myra Gayle had departed for Scotland, and life at "Adenroft" resumed the even tenor of its ways before, as far as Elizabeth Hyde

was concerned—the former's disturbing arrival to upset her equanimity.

Mrs. Gilrow was still at "The Laurels," and an intimate friend of Miss Sheldon and her nephew, and in a lesser degree of Elizabeth. To the latter, with her quick perception and almost uncanny insight into character, there was something wanting in the charming widow's show of affection for herself, and she found it difficult to respond to it. It was almost as if she suspected what was actually the case—that Mrs. Gilrow's apparent fondness for her was a ruse to get her to think more kindly of the man she hated and despised. For Mildred Dalroy cordially hated the girl her husband's brother intended to marry—hated her for her money, her youth, and her daily increasing attractions in looks and person, which might one day make her beautiful. For love had softened the girl's erstwhile morose expression and the hard look in her eyes.

She smiled more often, too, and when Elizabeth smiled her whole face was transformed, as "the evening beam smiles the clouds away."

And there were clouds on the horizon at "Adenroft." John was moody and depressed; he would sit in the arbour by himself sometimes and the whole evening smoking his beloved pipe, and evidently resenting companionship.

"That horrid, selfish, unfeeling wretch Myra Gayle is worrying his life out!" Elizabeth would say to Miss Sheldon. "John is always worse after he gets her letters. I expect they are full of her own doings, her flirtations, and the admirers she has. I pity him if he marries her. She isn't the wife for anyone but a millionaire—she confessed as much to me."

Miss Sheldon sighed resignedly. "Well, my dear, I think John is satisfied she is the wife for him, therefore we need not pity him."

"But I do! He is not the same person, he was before that Scotland business. Why he doesn't even take an interest in the garden now and when I told him yesterday the snails were eating up all the geraniums in the carpet border he actually said, 'Damn the geraniums, let 'em eat them—who cares?'"

"John must be pretty bad to use such language. He certainly did laugh when I replied that by all means damn the geraniums, but what about damping the snails instead? and begged my pardon for setting me a bad example."

Miss Sheldon sighed again—she adored her nephew, and his marriage was not a congenial topic. At the back of her mind was the wish that Elizabeth had caught his fancy, since then he would have been a wealthy man, and something told her, better suited in his marriage than with the girl he had chosen.

"Here is an invitation from Mrs. Gilrow to dinner on Tuesday," Miss Sheldon said one morning at breakfast, laying down a note she had been reading. "We shall accept of course."

"Humph!" John did not look particularly gratified. "Dinner party?"

"I don't know, but as it is more than a week's invitation, I should imagine so. Will you go, Elizabeth?"

"Oh, yes; she will have ices, and I love ices."

"I've had a letter from Sir Edward," John remarked. "He and Lady Dawes are coming back about the twentieth, so Mrs. Gilrow will have to clear out. I must let her know somehow. If you are going in to Shrimpton this morning, Aunt Lucy, I'll write to her and get you to leave the letter at 'The Laurels' for me—I'm rather busy at the office. Her time is up on the twelfth."

He hoped to be able to stay on till the end of the month. I expect she won't be best pleased," and he laughed, "because there's nothing else to be had in Shrimpton or the neighbourhood, and our hotels leave much to be desired—she couldn't stay at the 'Lion'."

It appeared, however, that Mrs. Gilrow had altered her plans about remaining at "The Laurels," and her dinner party was a sort of farewell feast.

"I am going to Torquay from here," she told Miss Sheldon, "and am hoping to induce Elizabeth to come with me for a week or two. After that I may go back to America."

Elizabeth was not sorry to hear this news, telling herself that with the departure of Austin Melford's sister, the man himself would have no excuse for making the acquaintance of the Sheldons and coming to "Adenroft," therefore she would be safe from his further attentions. Could we but look into the future, so wisely hidden from our mortal vision, how differently should we act! Elizabeth, for instance, had she known of coming events and her own share in them, would probably have made some excuse for not going to Mrs. Gilrow's party, and not have taken such special pains with her toilette. She certainly looked almost handsome in her pink, gauzy frock with her hair newly waved and becomingly arranged, and the flush of youth and health in her cheeks. Even John had told her she looked "stunning," and that he felt

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Captain C. E. Plunkett-Cole, acting Marine Superintendent, C. N. Co., Hongkong, has retired. Captain T. M. Johnstone, C. N. Co., Hongkong, has gone to special duty.

Captain C. H. Jones, from reserve, has gone master, Soochow. Captain J. A. McCulloch, of the Soochow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. R. Forster, chief officer, Shengkang, is on reserve.

Mr. W. B. Paul, chief officer, Yunnan, is on reserve.

Mr. A. H. Mills, chief officer, Fatschan, is on home leave. Mr. J. W. Bennett, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Fatschan.

Mr. N. McMillan, from Home, has gone extra second officer, Hain Peking.

Mr. D. McRae, from reserve, has gone extra chief engineer officer, Tatung.

Mr. R. Bain, second engineer officer, Kiukiang, has gone second engineer officer, Woosung. Mr. B. A. Davies, second engineer officer, Woosung, has gone second engineer officer, Tatung.

Mr. W. Wishart, from reserve, has gone extra chief engineer officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer officer, Tatung, has gone second engineer officer, Tungchow. Mr. R. H. McLean, second engineer officer, Tungchow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. V. E. Tonkin, third engineer officer, Hain Peking, has gone second engineer officer, Wenchow. Mr. J. A. Duncan, second engineer officer, Wenchow, has gone second engineer officer, Yunnan.

Mr. D. S. Goldie, extra second engineer officer, Hain Peking, has gone second engineer officer, Szechuen.

Mr. A. McVann, extra chief engineer officer, Shansi, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Watung.

Mr. L. A. Puddephat, extra third engineer officer, Shansi, has gone third engineer officer, Wu-chang.

Captain W. J. Booker, of the Hopsang, is on reserve. Captain E. L. M. Merrett, from reserve, has gone master, Hopsang.

Mr. W. J. Lawrence, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kumsang. Mr. L. McKee, chief officer, Kumsang, is on reserve.

Mr. G. Clarke, chief officer, Suwei, is on home leave.

Mr. L. McWilliams, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer officer, Yuesang. Mr. R. M. Sargent, chief engineer officer, Yuesang, is on reserve—Shipping and Engineering.

Mrs. Davidson, the wife of Mr. J. C. Davidson, M.P., chairman of the Conservative party organisation, has given birth to a son at their London home, Barton-street, Westminster.

Silk and crepe de Chine worth £500 were stolen from the premises of Messrs. J. Picken and Co., gown manufacturers, Brunswick-square, Camberwell, S. E., recently.

quite proud of his belongings, Miss Sheldon, looking her best in black satin, with the lace collar and an arrangement of lace on her pretty white hair, connected by Elizabeth. The drawing-room at "The Laurels" seemed to be full of people when the little party from "Adenroft" was announced, but Elizabeth's startled, horrified glance took in only one person, and that person advancing towards her with her hostess, suave and smiling, Austin Melford. In a dream she heard her hostess saying:

"You know Austin already, Elizabeth. Miss Sheldon, allow me to introduce my brother—Mr. Melford."

(To be Continued.)

RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

Broadcast by G.O.W. on 300 metres. 5.30-6.30 p.m. Demonstration Program.

7.45 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. Evening Programme (Columbia Records).

8.15 p.m. "The Desert Song," Columbia Light Opera Company. Pianoforte Solo, Billy Mayerl.

"The Meanderings of Monty," Monologue, Milton Hayes. "The Girl friend," Guitlar Solo, Len Fillis.

"Casse Noisette," Suite—Overture Miniature The B.B.C. Wireless Sym. Orch. "Casse Noisette," Suite—March The B.B.C. Wireless Sym. Orch. "Casse Noisette," Suite—Dance Arabes The B.B.C. Wireless Sym. Orch.

"Casse Noisette," Suite—Valse Des Fleurs The B.B.C. Wireless Sym. Orch. "Song of the Vagabonds," Harold Williams and Chorus.

"Only a Rose," Suite—March and Harold Williams. "Gipsy Suite," Theatre Orchestra.

"Sandy Todd Takes the Chair," Humorous, Aberdeen Sketch by Duffon Scott.

"An Aeroplane Trip," Humorous, Aberdeen Sketch by Duffon Scott.

"You didn't ask me first," Duet, Lily Elsie and Arthur Margetson.

"When a girl is in love with a man," (From "The Blue Train") Duet, Lily Elsie and Arthur Margetson.

"The Rose," English Selection, The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"Pence," Duet, Doris Vane and J. Dale Smith. "Silent noon," Baritone J. Dale Smith. "Light Cavalry Overture," Organ Solo, Quentin M. Maclean.

"Layton and Johnstone Medley," Duet, Layton and Johnstone. "Henry's made a lady out of Lizzy," Fox Trot, Cigarette Club Eskimos.

"Geel I'm glad I'm home," Fox Trot, Cigarette Club Eskimos. "I'm telling the world you're the best how I love you," Duet, Layton and Johnstone.

"Susie," Feller, Duet, Layton and Johnstone. 10 p.m. News Bulletin.

"Chauve Souris," Russian Songs. The song of the Black Hussars. Flute by Chopin.

A Pastoral. "O sing to me the old Scotch songs," (In English), by Mrs. Dedovitch, (In Russian), Rodionoff, Shertchenko, Tereshchenko, Zoloff, and Mmes. Birao, Erdnova, Nedolina and Vladimirskaya with Vaudeville Theatre Orchestra.

"The Meanderings of Monty," Monologue by Milton Hayes. Is China worth going to? Monologue by Milton Hayes. Is China worth leaving? Monologue by Milton Hayes.

"Brahms Waltzes," Pianoforte Duet, Edith Barnett and Vladimir Cernikos. God Save The King. 10.30 p.m. Close Down.

THE GG MYSTERY OF NEW HALF-CROWNS.

MINT CHIEF DENIES A REFERENCE TO ACTOR.

The mystification caused by the new half-crowns is referred to by the Comptroller of the Mint in his annual report.

Much interest has been aroused by the fact that on each side of the shield is his Majesty's initial "in duplicate and interlaced." Says the Comptroller:

"Popular opinion, unfamiliar with the similar treatment of Royal initials on earlier coins, and especially on the beautiful silver pieces of Charles II., has been puzzled by the presence of two G's, and has apparently made up its mind that the letters are an error for 'G. R.'"

"The suggestion that the designer, absorbed in recollections of musical comedy, had inadvertently placed on the design the initials of a famous theatrical star, probably emanated from a frivolous mind."

"But certainly the belief is persistent and apparently widespread that the linked G's are a mistake on the part of the Mint."

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LETTER GOLF.

To-day's letter golf puzzle is off
 the fairways and out in the woods,
 where the BEAR CUBS are.

B	E	A	R
C	U	B	S

1—The idea of letter golf is to
 change one word to another and
 do it in par, a given number of
 strokes. Thus to change COW to
 Hen, in three strokes, COW,
 HOW HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one
 letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete
 word, of common usage, for each
 jump. Slang words and abbrevia-
 tions don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be
 changed.

One solution is printed on an-
 other page.

DELICATE SUBJECT.

DEATH OF CHANG TSO-LIN MAY ARISE IN DIET.

Tokyo, Jan. 22.
 A last minute attempt to prevent
 the question of the circumstances
 surrounding the death of Chang
 Tso-lin from becoming a party
 issue, was made this afternoon
 when the Premier privately con-
 versed with Mr. Hamaguchi and
 Mr. Tokonami and requested them
 to refrain from bringing up the
 subject in the Diet, owing to the
 far-reaching international conse-
 quences that might arise out of
 the controversy.

Mr. Hamaguchi is reported to
 have replied that he is unable to
 tie himself down to a definite pro-
 mise, while Mr. Tokonami is said
 to have stated that he did not
 intend to interpolate the Govern-
 ment on the affair.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN'S POSITION.

A STEADY FINANCIAL RECOVERY.

Tokyo, Jan. 22.
 Speaking in the Diet, the Finance
 Minister, Mr. Mitsuuchi, observed
 that the economic situation of
 Japan was steadily recovering from
 the effects of the financial panic
 last April.

The readjustment of banks was
 making satisfactory progress. A
 hundred and twenty banks had
 been dissolved for the purpose of
 amalgamation in 1927, while 197
 were dealt with likewise last year.

Mr. Mitsuuchi concluded by
 saying that the Government was
 doing its best to stabilize exchange,
 for which purpose it wishes to
 raise the gold embargo as soon as
 possible.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN'S POLICY.

OPENING SESSION OF IMPERIAL DIET.

According to advices from Tokyo,
 Premier Tanaka made a speech,
 in his capacity of Minister
 for Foreign Affairs, yesterday,
 at the opening session of the Imperial
 Diet, on the foreign policy of
 Japan.

After speaking of the cordial
 relationship existing between
 Japan and foreign powers, he
 spoke on Japan's policy toward
 China as follows:

Turning now to the situation in
 China, it is highly gratifying for
 this Empire, which always has at
 heart the welfare of the Chinese
 people, to note that the strife
 and warfare which have been
 prevalent in China for more than
 fifteen long years are gradually
 subsiding and everything appears
 to point to peace. This Govern-
 ment is sincerely desirous that
 the Chinese nation, availing itself
 of this happy tendency in its
 affairs, may speedily be enabled
 to accomplish its great enterprise
 of peaceful unification.

"Deeply sympathizing as they
 do with the Chinese people, this
 Government is quite willing, in
 co-operation with other nations
 having close relations with China,
 to lend them assistance as far as
 possible in their task of recon-
 struction. It need hardly be
 pointed out that the path of
 China both at home and abroad
 is beset with difficulties, and the
 Chinese Government, in order
 to attain their aims, should more
 than ever be guided by counsel of
 self-restraint and moderation.

Position in Manchuria.

"In speaking of our relationship
 with China, I feel bound to say a
 few words about our position in
 Manchuria as distinguished from
 the rest of China. In view of the
 political and strategic importance
 which it bears to Japan on account
 of the geographic contiguity with
 our territory and considering the
 historic significance which it
 possesses in that the region was
 restored to China by Japan at
 risk of her national existence from
 the aggressive grip of Tsarist
 Russia, it is quite natural that
 the sentiment of Japanese people
 toward Manchuria should be
 peculiarly keen and entirely
 different from that toward any
 other part of China. Further-
 more, more than a million
 Japanese subjects reside in that
 region to-day and Japan has
 many important rights and in-
 terests there. The interest and
 concern with which the Japanese
 people have come to regard the
 affairs of Manchuria should,
 therefore, not cause the least
 wonder.

The Open Door.

"It goes without saying that
 the Japanese Government will
 respect sovereignty of China over
 Manchuria, do all in its power for
 the preservation of the principles
 of the open door and equal oppor-
 tunity, and desire that the region
 be made a safe abode for both
 natives and foreigners. They are,
 at the same time, fully deter-
 mined to take appropriate steps
 whenever a state of affairs arises in
 Manchuria which is likely to dis-
 turb the peace. This Govern-
 ment has always followed this
 policy in all their dealings with
 Manchuria. In a word, the two
 nations, mutually understanding

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 here, unless notice has been given
 prior to steamer's arrival, but carried
 on from port to port to the final
 port of call to which the option
 extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
 goods are to be left in the Godowns,
 where they will be examined on any
 Tuesdays and Fridays between the
 hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within
 the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted the
 Goods have left the steamer's Godown,
 and all Goods remaining undelivered
 after the 25th January, will be subject
 to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
 must be presented to the undersigned
 on or before the 8th February, or they
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No fire insurance will be effected.
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TO BE DEVOTED TO A PROGRESSIVE POLICY.

Lieut.-Col. Alexander Keith
 Wylie, of Prince's-gate, S.W., a
 former chairman of the Royal So-
 ciety for the Prevention of Cruelty
 to Animals, who left unsettled
 estate valued at £293,714, left prac-
 tically all his property to the
 R.S.P.C.A.

It is anticipated that the society
 will inherit nearly £200,000.

Sir Robert Gower, M.P., chair-
 man of the council, stated
 that the council of the so-
 ciety recently decided to embark
 on a more progressive policy for
 the prevention of cruelty to
 animals, and the legacy left by
 Col. Wylie could be a valuable
 contribution to the money re-
 quired.

The greater proportion of the
 legacy will not be received at
 once, because of certain outstand-
 ing annuities.

the position of the other, should
 be animated by a spirit of con-
 ciliation in their exchange of
 views and in their efforts for
 settlement of various questions
 pending between them, so that the
 relationship may be restored be-
 tween them that will really not
 only contribute to their mutual
 well-being but will be conducive to
 the tranquillity of the Far East
 and eventually to the progress
 of the world civilization.

"I believe that I have sufficient-
 ly made clear the foreign policies
 of this Government, in pursuance
 of which they expect to strengthen
 our friendly relations with other
 powers, to protect fully our rights
 and interests, and to contribute
 to the consolidation of world
 peace."



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via Kobe & Yokohama
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 "IXION" 14th Feb. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

NEW YORK SERVICE

"AUTOLYOUS" 5th Feb. New York, Boston & Baltimore
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 "KEEMUN" 20th Jan. Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama

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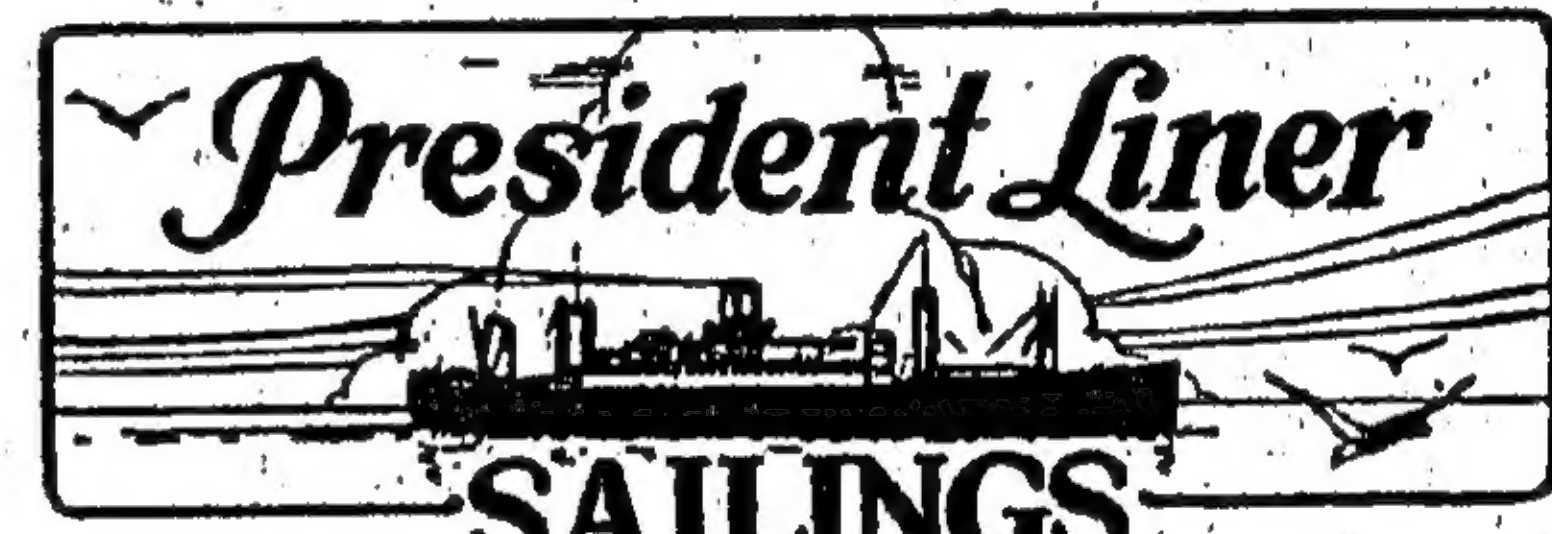
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(Continued from Page 2.)

A Note of Warning.

There is no need for me to repeat what has been said so often as to the objects and merits of the Boy Scouts Movement. But I should like to sound a note of warning to the boys, and even to those in immediate charge of them. There is always a danger that attempts will be made to introduce politics into a great movement like ours. A politician is often looking for means to bring about ends which may be admirable in themselves, but destructive to the organisation he seeks to capture and use for his own purpose. Scouting must never be used as a means to ends other than its own. Politics have their place, but that place is not in the Boy Scouts Movement which must ever remain non-political, non-military and international. If it is to survive, I would earnestly entreat the scoutmasters to impress this upon their boys, and to inculcate in them the true Scout spirit which is Fellowship and Service to all, irrespective of creed or race. (Applause.)

Dr. Kotewall proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, which on being seconded by Mr. C. Champkin, were carried unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Walgrave expressed thanks to those who had helped the Association other than the Council. He mentioned the men who had given assistance in many ways.

The following officers were then elected: President, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall; Vice President, Mr. R. B. Hancock, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. N. Chau. The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the Council in addition to those already serving: Commodore Hill, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. C. Champkin (District Rover Leader), Mr. W. H. Smith (District Cubmaster), Mr. B. Wylie, a representative of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee and a representative of the South China Athletic Association.

The executive Committee was elected as follows:

Chairman, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; C.M.G., LL.D., vice-Chairman, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Rev. G. T. Walgrave, Mr. C. H. Blason, Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. C. Champkin, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. T. H. King, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. A. White.

GUARDS AND MARINES.

PRESENTATIONS ON LEAVING SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Jan. 22. As the outcome of very friendly association socially and in sport, the Scots Guards on January 18 presented the 4th United States Marines with a beautiful silver statuette of the Guards Drummer. The 4th Marines yesterday at the ship side presented the Scots Guards with a beautifully engraved silver shield "in appreciation of happy affiliation in Shanghai."—Reuter.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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The Steamship, "BINTANG" VOY. 4, having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 30th January, 1929, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th January, 1929, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE, Agents. Hongkong, 23rd January, 1929.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

FRENCH CORRESPONDENT'S STRONG PROTEST.

Paris, Jan. 22.

The Petit Parisien has a Shanghai despatch which describes the appointment of the Norwegian, Mr. Tollefsen, as Director General of Posts as a violation of the Sino-French agreement of 1898 and 1902, stipulating that the position should be held by a Frenchman, and alludes further to the Washington Conference to abolish their post offices on condition there should be no change with regard to the appointment of the Director General.

The correspondent concludes:—"As a result of this unfriendly gesture on the part of the Nationalist Government, the Powers would be justified in re-establishing their postal services in China."—Reuter.

ESCAPED FROM GAOL.

THOUSAND CHINESE ARE HELD BY RUSSIANS.

Shanghai, Jan. 22. Thirty-eight members of the Kuomintang, who recently arrived in Shanghai from Russia after escaping from gaol, have issued a manifesto stating that the Soviet authorities have arrested more than 1,000 Chinese residents in Russia and have held them imprisoned for more than a year. Many of them have died under terrible conditions.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page. BEAR, BOAR, BOAS, BOBS, COBS, CUBS.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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Bengal Maru Wednesday, 30th Jan.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

Tottori Maru Monday, 28th Jan.

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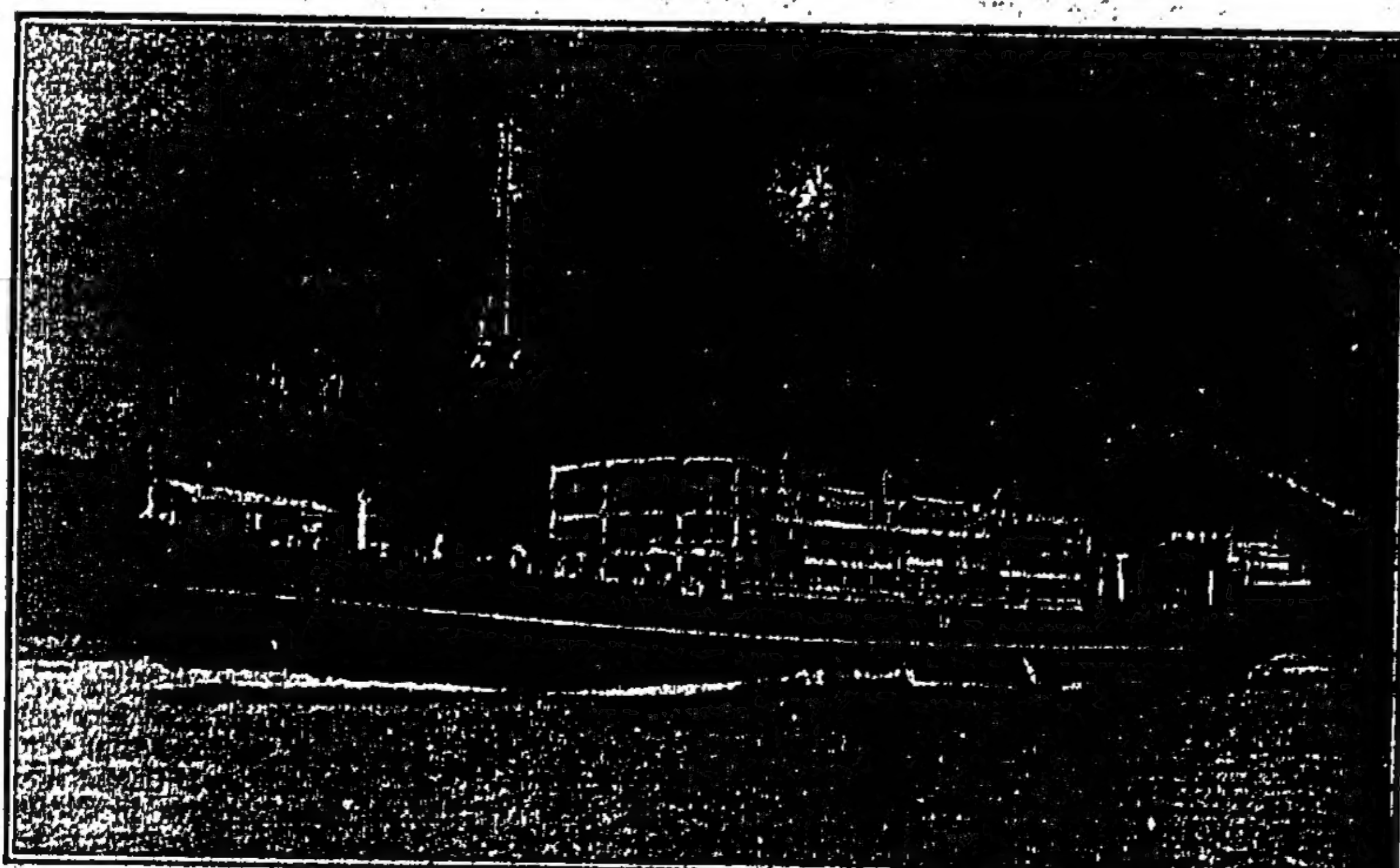
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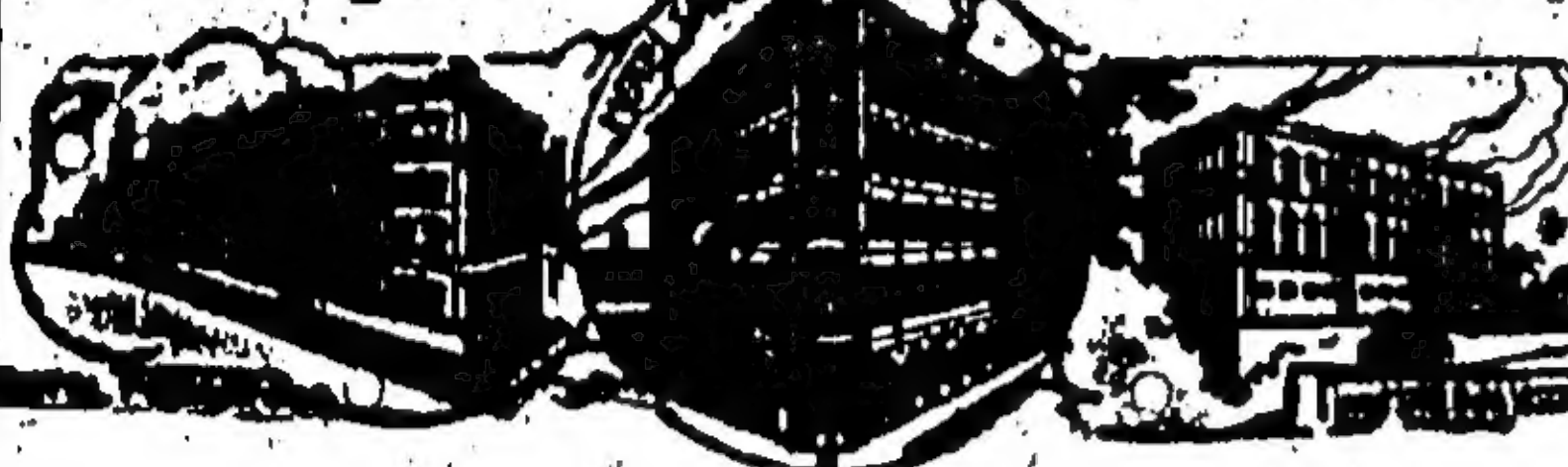
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SWITZERLAND SET EXAMPLE.

BIG DECREASE IN NARCOTIC
MANUFACTURES.

LEAGUE DISCUSSION.

Geneva, Jan. 22.
The annual report for Switzerland was read to the Opium Commission of the League, to-day by Dr. Carriere, who drew attention to the substantial decrease in the manufacture and export of narcotics that has been effected in Switzerland.

With regard to morphine and its derivatives, the Swiss representative pointed out, the decrease exceeded 58 per cent. in the year from September, 1927. Heroin showed a smaller decrease.

All the narcotics manufactured were exported to France or the Netherlands, 1,103 kilos going to France and 1,805 kilos to Holland.

The Commission later discussed official statistics regarding dangerous drugs, and considered the differences in the conclusions drawn by comparisons of the statistics in different countries.

It was decided to discuss in open session, the proposal of the United States Government, which has already been considered in private, for a limitation in the production of drugs derived from opium and the coca leaf.

Japanese Statement.

There are over five thousand morphine-manufacturers in Korea, declared Viscount Sato (Japan) in a statement to the Opium Commission as regards the Japanese Government's proposal to control the manufacture and sale of narcotics in Korea.

He declared that experiments in curing addicts according to the system of Doctor Sato had been most satisfactory. Several members of the Commission congratulated Viscount Sato on his Government's action and asked him to inform the Commission of the nature and results of the treatment, which would be very valuable for other states, notably Britain, where the treatment of drug addicts had not been very satisfactory.—Reuter.

UNUSUAL MURDER EXHIBITS.

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habit of frequenting the shop. After the disappearance of Lau Mei, however, Lau Hon was regularly sitting in the shop.

Evidence would be called to the effect that there was disagreement between the three men, and that on October 19 a certain amount of quarrelling took place. A witness would say that at nine o'clock on the night of October 20, the three men left the shop, Lok Choi saying that they were going out to pray for success.

At about midnight, a woman occupant heard Lok Choi asking for admittance. She withdrew the bolt and immediately returned to bed, so that she did not actually see the men enter. She heard two people enter and heard Lok Choi talking. A young boy, who was also on the premises, would say that he saw the two accused enter and closed the door.

Accused Man's Story.

Later, certain questions were raised as to the non-return of Lau Mei, and one witness who asked Lok Choi about it received a reply that Lau Mei was dead. When asked about it again, he stated that Lau Mei had been killed by a vehicle and they could see a report of it in the newspapers.

Dr. J. K. Dovey stated that at the post mortem examination he found multiple cuts on the head, chiefly at the back, and fractures. There appeared to be a very small stab wound below the right eye.

Replying to Mr. Hin Shing Lo, witness agreed that the injuries were consistent with a struggle between the deceased and assailants, because there were scratches on the chest and both legs. Witness added that the scratches might also have been caused if the body had been dragged along the ground. The trial is proceeding.

MOTOR SHIP'S GOOD SPEED.

MUNCASTER CASTLE DUE NEXT MONTH.

News to hand from Manila advises that the motor vessel Muncaster Castle, of the Dowdell-Castle Line, arrived at that port at midnight on January 16th, having made the voyage from New York in 38 days.

The vessel called at Norfolk, Panama and San Pedro, covering approximately 11,770 miles with an average speed of 14 knots per hour.

The Muncaster Castle is due in Hongkong on the 3rd February from Shanghai, and will call on the return voyage to New York, via Suez Canal, on the 8th February.

A VACCINATION DISPUTE.

SWATOW CERTIFICATES NOT
CONSIDERED VALID.

FOREIGN DOCTORS ACT.

Swatow, Jan. 21.

The Municipal Health authorities announce that all passengers entering the port from Hongkong and Macao are to be examined, and, if necessary, vaccinated against small-pox. At the same time, they are carrying out a vaccination campaign through the port.

Some months ago they took over in a very summary way the vaccination of coolie emigrants abroad, and as this step coincided with the large increase of emigration consequent on the distress in the Hai-Lak-Fung district, it brought in a large municipal revenue.

Vaccination of coolie emigrants for many years was in the hands of the port doctors, an English firm, who also have the duty of passing emigrants for the Straits Settlements. For some months, the doctors have taken no action, but they have now—presumably after consultation with the Straits Settlements authorities—declared the Municipal vaccination certificates invalid, and coolies on two ships at the end of December and the beginning of January were required to be vaccinated by the port doctors.

Protests are being made by the Chinese authorities, who insist that the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs take the matter up with the British Consul and demand compensation and an apology from the doctors.

There is, to say the least, an inadequate recognition of the fact, from a public point of view, those really concerned are the health authorities in Singapore, and further that the Swatow Municipal Health Bureau commands the services of no fully qualified medical man, although it has locally-trained doctors of considerable medical experience.—Our Own Correspondent.

FAILED TO REPORT SMALL-POX.

FATAL CASE IN MATCHED
NEAR-HOSPITAL.

FIFTY DOLLAR FINE.

A charge of failing to report a case of small-pox was brought against a Chinese residing at Temple Street, who is in charge of a matchbox on the Y.M.C.A. site, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Sanitary Inspector Eccleshall said the case was a serious one. The place was within 50 yards of the Kwong Wah Hospital and the Sanitary Department Office.

On the afternoon of January 15, the defendant reported the death of his brother, after having treated the case himself.

His Worship remarked that by the Ordinance he could only fine the defendant \$50, which was rather extraordinary. Defendant was accordingly fined \$50.

IRAK AMBUSH INCIDENT.

NO TRACE OF THE
ASSAILANTS.

Bagra, Jan. 22.

Royal Air Force machines have fruitlessly scoured the country in search of the Wahabists who ambushed a party of Americans, killing the Rev. Henry Bilkart. They are believed to be accounts mounted on horses, screening the main body of Wahabist raiders on camels.

The ambush occurred fifty miles south of Zuhair. The party escaped due to the presence of mind of the drivers, who at the first volley violently swerved and dashed off at full speed.—Reuter.

TOBACCO COMPANY SHARES.

THE LATEST LONDON
QUOTATIONS.

The following Stock Exchange quotations were received by the British American Tobacco Co. from London to-day:

B.A.T. Co., Ltd., Ord. (£1 par) 58 11 3.
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The I.T. Co. of G.B. & I., Ltd., has declared a bonus of 1 share in 4 free.

THE RHINELAND QUESTION.

SIR AUSTEN CORRECTS WRONG
IMPRESSION.

USE OF WORD CONTROL.

London, Jan. 22.

Parliament reassembled this afternoon after the Christmas recess.

Answering a question by Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labourite) regarding the evacuation of the Rhineland, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said there had been no change in the situation since he spoke during the debate on the adjournment in December.

When Colonel Wedgwood referred, in another question, to the Committee of Control, Sir Austen Chamberlain presumed that he intended to refer to the Commission of Verification and Reconciliation mentioned in the Geneva resolution of September 16th last. The word "Control" was not used in the resolution and would convey an entirely wrong impression of the character and purpose of the body created.

Continuing, Sir Austen said the Geneva resolution stated that the Powers were agreed regarding the acceptance of the principle and the constitution of the Commission of Verification and Reconciliation, and the objects and duration of the Commission would form the subject of negotiations between the Governments concerned.

The Governments undertook to study this question and were doing it now. They were proceeding upon a resolution to which the German Chancellor was a party.—British Wireless.

EUROPEAN DENIES MURDER.

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bottle and struck the deceased on the head or neck, the exact position not being certain.

Death Instantaneous?

Deceased collapsed and the eye-witness, Benson, then said "Now you have done it!" and ran out for the Engineer Officer on watch. The officer saw that the deceased was in a prostrate way and after consulting with the Chief Officer, sent for a doctor.

Meanwhile, first aid was rendered but the deceased gave no sign of life. Dr. B. C. Wong arrived at about five minutes to eleven and pronounced that Zetterberg had been dead for some little time.

The body was taken to the Mortuary and the prisoner to Dr. Newton at the Kowloon Hospital. Although a considerable time had elapsed, Dr. Newton would be able to give a good idea of the state the prisoner was in. The prisoner was afterwards taken to the Police Station and charged.

Adulterated Whisky.

The Police, said Inspector Lane, had in their possession a number of broken glasses and bottles. As a result of certain statements, the police had obtained some of the liquor on board that day and had sent it to Dr. Dovey for analysis. The result of that examination was not known.

His Worship: Do you suggest that the whisky was adulterated? Inspector Lane: That is the suggestion. It is said that the whisky was purchased in some irregular manner and that it was not good whisky.

Evidence was then taken, his Worship indicating that he would endeavour to finish the case to-day if possible, even if it meant sitting late.

SWATOW COLLEGE QUESTION.

PROSPECTS OF RETURN
NOT BRIGHT.

Swatow, Jan. 21.

With regard to the proposed restoration of the Anglo-Chinese College, to the English Presbyterian Mission, no further steps have yet been taken by the Swatow Municipal Authorities; and in spite of the encouraging reports issued a short time ago it is very unlikely that any action will be taken for some time yet.

The Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Swatow has written a letter to the British Consul here, stating that he has received no orders from the Government in Nanking to hand over the College.—Our Own Correspondent.

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